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Dear Christmas Tree Cutter,

For your safety and the health of the forest, please read and follow these important instructions.

Be sure to carry your permit with you and place the tag on the fir tree as soon as it is cut. You may cut only fir trees in the area designated on your permit and map. Trees should be cut below the lowest live limb leaving a stump no taller than 6 inches high. Maximum tree height is 10 feet tall. Please keep your vehicle on existing roadways, especially in wet weather, to avoid damage to soils. See the attached map for recommended routes to the Christmas tree cutting area. Please note the area closed to Christmas Tree cutting on the map.

With this permit, you may take an armload of green branches for decoration. You are also welcome to pick up pine cones.

Winter storms can occur suddenly. Please notify a friend or relative where you intend to go and when you expect to return. Be prepared for bad weather and muddy or snowy roads. We suggest you take a shovel, blankets, warm clothing, food and water, flashlight, matches, tire chains, tow strap, and a first aid kit. Don't forget to fill the gas tank! If you should happen to get stranded, stay with your vehicle.

Please understand that in the event of a strong storm, we may close access to the cutting area. This would be necessary for your safety and the protection of natural resources. If a storm is forecasted, please call ahead to inquire about the current road conditions. Our office number is (928) 477-2255. Also, please see our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/> for more information about the forest.

Enjoy yourself, be safe, and have a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

/s/ CAROL TELLES

Carol Telles
District Ranger

