

SOUTH PARK RANGER DISTRICT

PIKE NATIONAL FOREST CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM 2015

Cost: \$10.00 per permit/tree; Maximum: 5 trees/per household

For personal use only; Not for resale

Cutting Dates: November 23 through December 24

Reminders:

- Trees, at the base, must be 6 inches or less in diameter.
- Trees must be cut 6 inches or less from ground; do not leave any live limbs on the stump.
- Cut in an area of excess trees; make sure there is another tree within 10 feet of the one you are cutting.
- Trees must be on the **South Park Ranger District** (refer to boundary map provided with permit). There is private land within the boundary. It is the permittees' responsibility to make sure they are on National Forest. (Pike maps are available for \$10.00 at the Fairplay, CO office).
- Trees must be displayed on the tree as it is being removed from the area where it was cut.
- **Permits are non-refundable and extensions of time are not allowed past the expiration date.**
- **Prohibited areas within the South Park Ranger District are:**
 - Lake Recreation Area and Eleven Mile Canyon Recreation Area
 - Scenic Areas and Picnic Grounds
 - Buffalo Peaks or Lost Creek Wilderness Areas
 - Campgrounds
 - Hayman Fire area

Safety Suggestions:

- Dress warm and be prepared for changes in weather.
- Forest roads will not be plowed. We recommend you carry chains and/or use a four-wheel drive vehicle; high clearance may also be necessary.
- Have a full tank of gas.
- A good place to look for a Christmas tree is beneath older stands of aspen. There are many Engelmann spruce growing in the shade of aspen stands.
- The following are types of coniferous trees found on the South Park Ranger District (descriptive sheet available upon request):
 - Bristlecone Pine
 - Limber Pine
 - Lodgepole Pine
 - Ponderosa Pine
 - Blue Spruce
 - Engelmann Spruce
 - Douglas Fir
 - Sub-alpine Fir

We do NOT recommend the Bristlecone Pine due to the sap on the needles and cones. This can ruin your clothes and create a fire hazard in your home.

Rules to Follow: Violators of the following acts will be prosecuted:

- Cutting a tree without a permit;
- Trees larger than the 6 inch diameter limit.
- “Topping” trees. What is topping? Cutting a tall tree and only removing the top portion.
- **ONLY ONE TREE PER PERMIT. IF YOU WANT AN ADDITIONAL TREE YOU MUST PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL PERMIT, PRIOR TO CUTTING THE TREE.**