

2016 CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING GUIDELINES

The USDA Forest Service has identified three areas on the Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District where cutting of family Christmas trees will be allowed. No permit is required.

General guidelines are the following:

- 1) Please cut your tree at least 20 feet back from the road edge.
- 2) Cut stumps within 6 inches of ground level.
- 3) Do not cut trees within 50 feet of stream banks, or within 25 feet of muskeg pond edges.
- 4) Limit of one tree per family.
- 5) Trees are for personal use only: no commercial operations.
- 6) Please drag or carry your tree from the woods to the road. Do not drive motorized vehicles off roads in undesignated areas.

The following areas have been designated:

Area 1: Silvis Lake Trail. The cutting area is approximately ½ mile up the trail from the parking area at the south end of Tongass Highway. Signs have been posted facing into the designated area, with pink ribbons tied at the cutting area corners. The cutting area is located on the north side of the road (trail), in and adjacent to a muskeg. Please be sure that any tree you cut is located on USDA Forest Service land and not on adjacent private property.

Area 2: Brown Mountain Road. The cutting area is adjacent to both sides of the first 1-mile stretch of Brown Mountain Road. Please be sure that any tree you cut is located on USDA Forest Service land and not on adjacent private property.

Area 3: Harriet Hunt Lake Road. The cutting area is approximately 0.4 miles up the Harriet Hunt Lake Road from its intersection with Revilla Road. Signs have been posted facing into the designated area, with pink ribbons tied at the cutting area corners. The cutting area is located on the east side of the road, in and adjacent to a muskeg. Please be sure that any tree you cut is located on USDA Forest Service land and not on adjacent private property.

For more information, contact the Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, 3031 Tongass Avenue, 225-2148.

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