

South Park Ranger District
Pike National Forest
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**SOUTH PARK RANGER DISTRICT
PIKE NATIONAL FOREST
CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM 2016**

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

For personal use only; not for resale

Cutting Dates: November 24 through December 23

Reminders:

- Trees 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 area of excess trees; make sure there is another tree of the same species within ten 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.)
- Tag must be displayed on the tree within 100 feet of where it was cut down.
- **Permits are non-refundable and extensions of time are not allowed past the expiration date.**
- **Prohibited areas within the South Park Ranger District are:**
 - ✓ Jefferson Lake Recreation Area and Eleven Mile Canyon Recreation Area
 - ✓ Scenic Areas and Picnic Grounds
 - ✓ Buffalo Peaks or Lost Creek Wilderness Areas
 - ✓ Campgrounds
 - ✓ Hayman burn 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 the types of coniferous trees found on our district: ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, bristlecone pine, Engelmann spruce, blue spruce, Douglas fir, and limber pine (descriptive sheet available upon request). We do not recommend the bristlecone pine because of the sap on needles and cones 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
- "Topping" trees
- Cutting more than one tree with a single tree permit. If you cut a tree, you must take it.