



CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

The opportunity for you to cut a Christmas tree is provided for you to have a recreational experience on the Prescott National Forest. We hope it is enjoyable, but a few rules are necessary for proper administration and to protect the environment.

KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE TAG WITH YOU WHILE YOU ARE IN THE CUTTING AREA AND WHILE THE TREE IS IN YOUR POSSESSION ENROUTE TO YOUR DESTINATION. THEY ARE A PART OF YOUR PERMIT AND YOUR PERMIT IS NOT VALID WITHOUT THEM.

1. Please be sure to place the tag on the tree as soon as it is cut. Your permit is good from November 19, 2016 through December 24, 2016.
2. You may cut any species of tree.
3. You may cut outside of the "Recommended Christmas Tree Cutting Area" shown on the attached map, but you cannot cut in Wilderness areas, private land areas, or areas marked "No Cutting Allowed" on the attached map.
4. Do not cut within 200 feet of any paved road or developed recreation area. Do not cut in stream beds.
5. The tallest tree you may cut from ground level is 10 feet.
6. Cut stumps to within 8 inches of ground level.
7. Boughs and branches trimmed from trees cut for Christmas trees may be taken for decorations. Do not cut branches from other trees.
8. Any part of the tree left on the ground must be spread out to within 24 inches of the ground. This will provide a more pleasing appearance to the area and reduce the fire hazard through faster decomposition of the branches.
9. Attach your tag immediately to the tree in a manner that it cannot be removed without tearing it.
10. No off-road driving is permitted.

- ❖ Road conditions can be bad. Be prepared for mud and snow by carrying tire chains, tow chain and shovel.
- ❖ Keep your vehicle on the road to prevent ruts and subsequent erosion.
- ❖ Leave early enough to be back to your car before dark. Remember, it gets dark quite early this time of year.
- ❖ For an extended hike, carry maps, compass, whistle, knife, and flashlight.
- ❖ Dress to protect yourself from wind, cold, and wet weather. Take matches, protective clothing, first aid kit, extra food and water.
- ❖ Close all gates and, if you PACK-IT-IN, be sure to PACK-IT-OUT!

To help keep your tree fresh - Cut two inches from the bottom of your tree when you get home and place it in water. Keep your tree watered and in a shady spot until you are ready for it in the house. Another helpful hint is to bring an old tarp to wrap your tree in. Then when you drag your tree out of the forest, the tarp protects the tree and helps you avoid breaking branches. The tarp can also be used to reduce wind damage on the way home.

