Christmas Tree
Cutting Guidelines

You do not need a permit to cut a Christmas tree on the Juneau Ranger District for personal use. A household may remove one Christmas tree per year from the National Forest.

There are no regulations on what tree species or size to cut. However, there are a few rules we ask you to follow:

- Trees may not be cut from any developed Forest Service recreation sites, including Auke Village, Lena Beach and all of the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area (Skater’s Cabin, Visitor Center, West Glacier Trail, Mendenhall Lake Campground and Dredge Lakes area.)

- Trees may not be cut from the Heen Latinee Experimental Forest.

- Trees may not be cut from land within 330 feet of a bald eagle nest (often located near water.)

- Trees may not be cut within 100 feet of a salmon stream or a road.

- Trees should be no larger than 7 inches in diameter at the stump and should be cut off not more than 12 inches above the
ground.

• Do not top a larger tree.

• Do not cut a tree and then discard it for another one you may find more desirable, and

• Christmas trees should not be harvested from muskeg areas as regeneration in these areas is very difficult to establish.

For more information please contact the Juneau Ranger District at (907) 586-8800.