MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST
CHRISTMAS TREES

RULES:

• Tree cutting is not allowed within developed campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, administrative sites, designated wilderness areas, research natural areas or on state or private owned lands within the national forest.
• Tree cutting is not permitted within 150 feet of any stream, lakes, ponds or wetland areas.
• When parking at a trailhead, please be aware that a NW Forest Pass or federal Interagency Pass may be required.
• Plan to purchase a Sno-Park parking permit if the trip includes parking in a designated Sno-Park lot. When at a trailhead requiring a fee, the Northwest Forest Pass will need to be displayed on the vehicle dashboard.
• Trees cannot be cut within any closure areas. To view active closures, please visit: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alert/mbs/alerts-notices.
• A single permit is valid for trees up to 15 feet in height. Topping a tree over 15 feet in height is subject to a minimum fine of $75 (CFR 36261.10(l)).
• Cut trees 12 inches or less above the ground level. Remove snow from base of tree if it is not visible. Cut off limbs remaining on the stump.

SAFETY:

• Prepare ahead for changing weather and driving conditions.
• Tell someone where you are going and what time you expect to return home.
• Have a full tank of fuel. Carry a shovel, flashlight, tire chains, matches and blankets in your vehicle. Bring along food and warm drinks.
• Wear proper winter clothing and carry extra in case you get wet. Some areas may be open to hunting, so wear brightly colored clothing or hunter’s orange.
• Most forest roads are not snow plowed or maintained during the winter. Watch out for ice and snow; some areas may require chains, high clearance vehicles and/or 4 wheel drive.
• Turn on headlights for visibility and expect heavy traffic in popular tree cutting areas.
• Turn your vehicle around upon arrival; snow accumulation can inhibit turning a vehicle around later. Park vehicles on a road shoulder or turn-out areas and do not block the road.
• Check ranger stations for road and weather information or got to http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mbs/road-trails

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Tree Care
Once you’ve returned home with your tree, leave it outside in a shady area in a bucket of water. The water will keep the tree fresh.

After you bring your tree inside, fill the tree stand with water every day.

Check http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mbs/passes-permits/forest-products for updates!