USDA Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Mt. Hood National Forest | 2025

Bough Guidelines

- Bough season is open November 14 to December 31, 2025.
- The Forest's requirement to obtain a free use permit to gather boughs is waived. If individuals are collecting personal use quantities, a permit is not required.
- Forest products obtained under "free use" are for **personal use only** and cannot be sold or exchanged (36 C.F.R. § 261.6(f)). Commercial permits are required to sell boughs and other forest products; please contact your local district office for details and availability.
- Boughs may only be cut from the lower half of the total tree height.
- Only the outer half of the branch may be cut.
- No trees shall be felled.
- No boughs may be cut from trees under 10 feet in height.
- Boughs may only be cut from the areas currently open for Christmas tree cutting, and within 25 feet from the center line of Forest Service roads that are open to motorized vehicle use.
- You may harvest and transport **up to 25 pounds of boughs per person** for personal use only.
- You must carry these guidelines and a Christmas tree map for the area you intend to harvest while cutting and transporting boughs from the Forest.

Visit our website for more information about boughs and other special forest products:
www.fs.usda.gov/r06/mthood/forest-products/special-forest-products

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Office hours are subject to change. We encourage visitors to call ahead.

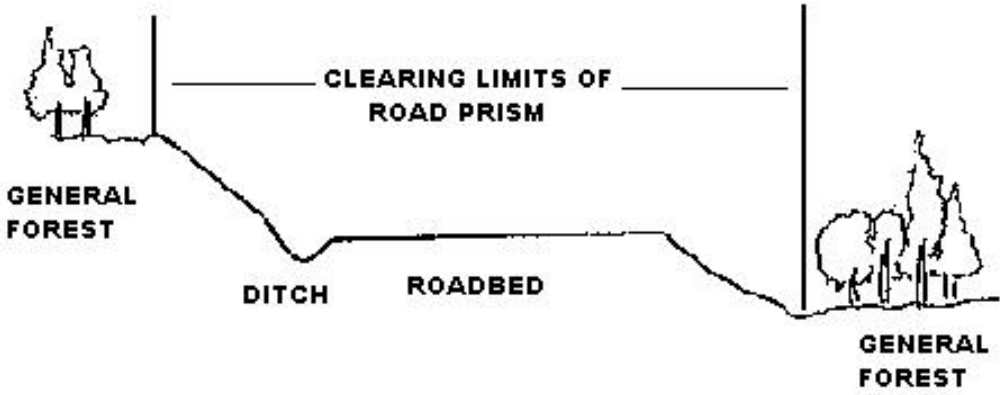
Clackamas River Ranger District	**Hood River Ranger District**	**Barlow Ranger District**	**Zigzag Ranger District**
16400 Champion Way Sandy, OR 97055	6780 Hwy 35 Parkdale, OR 97041	780 NE Court St. Dufur, OR 97021	70220 E. Hwy 26 Zigzag, OR 97049
Monday - Friday 8am - 12pm, 1 - 3pm (971) 333-4100	Monday - Friday 8am - 12pm, 1 - 3pm (541) 352-6002	Monday - Friday 8am - 12pm, 1 - 3pm (541) 467-2291	Monday - Friday 8am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm (503) 622-3191

www.fs.usda.gov/r06/mthood | www.facebook.com/mthoodnf

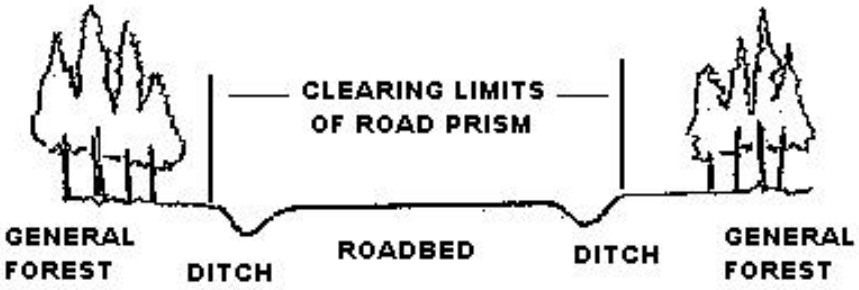
USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

DIAGRAMS DEFINING THE ROAD PRISM

EXAMPLE #1



EXAMPLE #2



EXAMPLE #3

