

## Checklist



- Dress appropriately in warm socks, boots, coats, hats & gloves.
- Bring plenty of snacks and water.
- Have supplies available to build a fire, if necessary.
- Make sure your vehicle is equipped for winter travel.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be home.

## Permits available at...

### Baker City, OR

Whitman Ranger Dist.	(541) 523-6391
Bi-Mart	(541) 523-0680
D&B Supply	(541) 523-6442
York's Covered Wagon	(541) 523-2577

### Clarkston, WA

Hells Canyon NRA	(509) 758-0616
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### Enterprise, OR

Dollar Stretcher	(541) 426-5833
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### Halfway, OR

Halfway Market	(541) 742-6174
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### Island City, OR

Island City Market & Deli	(541) 963-7140
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### Joseph, OR

Wallowa Mts. Office*	(541) 426-5546
Sports Corral	(541) 432-4363

### La Grande, OR

La Grande Ranger Dist.	(541) 963-7186
Miller's Home Center	(541) 963-3113
Bi-Mart	(541) 963-2166

### Richland, OR

Hitchin' Post Grocery	(541) 893-6175
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### Sumpter, OR

The Gold Post	(541) 894-2362
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### Unity, OR

Burnt River Market	(541) 446-3660
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### Union, OR

Hometown Hardware	(541) 562-5472
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### Wallowa, OR

Wallowa Food City	(541) 886-3691
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\*Vending machine for after-hours purchases at Wallowa Mountains District Office



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# Christmas Tree Permit Guide

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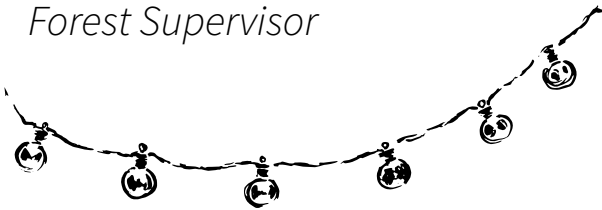
# Welcome Tree Cutters!

The Holiday Season is now upon us. For a growing number of people, heading to the Forest and tracking down the ideal Christmas tree has become a family holiday tradition.

In order to preserve the scenic and natural resource values of your forest, we ask for your cooperation by complying with the regulations listed in this brochure.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

*Shaun McKinney*  
*Forest Supervisor*



## Before You Go...

Christmas Tree Permits sell for **\$5.00 each**. We request that you only purchase one permit per household. **These permits are non-refundable.**

Permits may be purchased at any National Forest Ranger District Office. In addition, permits can be purchased through [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov).

Christmas Tree Permits can also be used on the Umatilla National Forest, if accompanied by their printed information.

# Where to Cut a Tree

The Christmas Tree Cutting Program on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest remains simple and easy to follow. The Christmas tree permit is valid on any Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Ranger District. Please follow these regulations:

- ★ **Cut your tree at least 50 feet away from the road and clean up any trimmings or limbs.**
- ★ Leave stumps no higher than 10 inches. It is illegal to “top” a tree.
- ★ Cut off any green limbs left on the stump (they can be used for decorating!).
- ★ The maximum height of trees to be cut is 15 feet tall, with no larger than a 6-inch stump diameter.
- ★ **Do not cut in active timber sales or areas that have been planted with new trees.**
- ★ Do not cut on private land, in wilderness areas, designated campgrounds, or existing plantations.
- ★ Do not cut trees in the following areas: Baker City Watershed, Anthony Lakes Campground or Ski Area, Starkey Experimental Forest, La Grande Watershed, Hurricane Creek and Lostine drainages.
- ★ **Do not cut trees within ¼ mile of wild and scenic river corridors.**
- ★ Christmas tree cutting within sight distance of State Highways is prohibited.

# How to Use Your Permit

Wrap the permit around the tree trunk, between limbs and secure ends together with the self-stick tape. Remember... **once the permit is connected it cannot be undone and the permit is no longer valid.**

Keep the permit on the tree while in transit.

## Helpful Hints

- Carry your tree carefully out of the woods. Dragging the tree will rub off the needles and bark.
- If the tree is too big to transport inside your vehicle, wrap it in canvas to prevent wind damage.
- Once home, cut the bottom of the trunk off and place the freshly cut trunk in a bucket of water. Replenish the water frequently.
- Store your tree in an area protected from the wind, such as the north or east side of your house.

## After Christmas

**There are many local non-profit groups that collect Christmas trees for a nominal fee or donation. Call your local Chamber of Commerce or watch your area newspaper for more details.**

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