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Christmas Tree Harvest

Christmas trees are free on the Umpqua National Forest this year. Aside from the attached map, no further permits or authorizations are required. Limit of four personal Christmas trees per household, per season and cannot be resold.



Where to Cut Trees

- As indicated on the District map.
- Cutting is allowed behind locked gates and barricades, but accessible only by foot.

Do Not Cut Trees

- Within 100’ of streams.
- Within wilderness, wild and scenic river corridor. botanical areas, seed orchards, special interest areas. experimental forests, or within 300’ of campgrounds. trailheads, trails, or administrative sites.
- In areas that have been planted with new trees.
- In areas with “No Christmas Tree Cutting” signs.

How to Cut Your Tree

- Remove the entire tree, not just the top.
- Only cut trees less than 15’ tall. Do not cut larger trees to remove the top.
- Cut tree as close to the ground as possible.
- Remove snow from the stump so you can accurately measure the tree and stump height.
- Leave standing dominant trees with 13’ by 13’ spacing.
- If there are any live limbs still attached to the stump after the tree is felled, cut them from the stump.

Additional Information

- Motor vehicle use must be in accordance with Motor Vehicle Use Maps. Do not block traffic or impede emergency vehicles.
- Remember to pack out all trash and follow Leave No Trace principles.
- To protect sensitive habitat and threatened and endangered species, do not drive into or drag felled material through meadow habitat.

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Tree Care and Transportation

- Road conditions can change rapidly this time of year. Refer to tripcheck.com for highway conditions.
- If the tree will not fit in the vehicle, wrap it in a tarp to prevent windburn and needle loss during transportation. If transported inside the vehicle keep it away from the heater.
- If a tree is obtained early in the season, it should be kept in a cool place, in the shade, out of the wind, and in a bucket of water. Remember, a tree that is dry is an extreme fire hazard.
- When you get your tree home, make a fresh cut on the butt to open the pores which have been clogged by sap. Cut off at least one-half inch. If you do not make a fresh cut, the tree will not be able to drink water. After the cut is made, put the tree in water as soon as possible.
- Avoid placing the tree next to fireplaces, heaters, television sets, or other heat sources.
- Be sure to properly dispose of your cut tree after the holidays.
- Most waste disposal companies offer special drop-off locations or pick up times.

Happy Holidays from the Umpqua National Forest!

36 CFR 223 Subpart A allows timber that is designated by forest officers to be cut and removed for personal use for domestic purposes. Commercial harvest or reselling Christmas trees harvested on the Umpqua National Forest is not permitted. Harvesting Christmas trees from designated areas will help improve forest health and resilience by removing small trees from overstocked stands of timber; thereby reducing ladder fuels and wildfire risk. Thank you for doing your part to care for your Umpqua National Forest.

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