



Safety Suggestions

- ◇ Check Colorado & Wyoming road reports for current highway conditions. Road conditions can change very rapidly. Be aware that **Forest Service roads are not plowed.**
- ◇ Park safely on a highway pullout or off of a Forest Road. Do not park where your vehicle can be hit by a falling tree.
- ◇ Check maps to be sure of your location. Cutting on private land is trespassing!
- ◇ Have a full tank of gas and use snow tires. Bring chains and a shovel.
- ◇ Stay out of the forest when there are strong winds.
- ◇ Use caution when felling your tree!
- ◇ There is no cell phone coverage in many areas of the forest.
- ◇ Dress warmly and bring food, extra water, a blanket, and a first aid kit.



Harvesting Your Christmas Tree

- ◇ Choose a tree that is growing with other trees in a cluster. Leave the "perfect" trees to grow and provide for a healthy genetic source for the future forest.
- ◇ Leave the site looking as undisturbed as possible and take your trash home with you.



WYOMING

Laramie Ranger District
2468 Jackson Street
Laramie, WY 82070
(307) 745-2300

Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District
2171 South Highway 130
Saratoga, WY 82331
307-326-5258

Douglas Ranger District
2250 East Richards Street
Douglas, WY 82633
307-358-4690

COLORADO

Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District
925 Weiss Drive
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487
970-870-2299

Parks Ranger District
100 Main Street
Walden, CO 80480
970-723-8204
(Office currently closed)

Yampa Ranger District
300 Roselawn Avenue
PO Box 7
Yampa, CO 80483
970-638-4516
TTY 1-800-877-9965



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Christmas Tree Permits



About The Program

Selecting and cutting a special tree from the forest for the holidays has been a treasured tradition for generations of residents. The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests offer Christmas Tree Permits for the cutting of a tree on Forest land for personal use.

Christmas Tree Permits:

- ◇ Cost **\$10** for **1** tree (limit 5 per household).
- ◇ Are for personal use only (not for resale)
- ◇ Expire **12/31 of the year purchased**
- ◇ Are available at all Medicine Bow-Routt offices & select alternate locations
- ◇ See the website for all locations: www.fs.usda.gov/mbr (passes-permits / forest products).
- ◇ Permits are now available to purchase online at www.rec.gov/tree-permits



MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS
THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND



Christmas Tree Permit Regulations

When taking a Christmas tree from the National Forest, please observe the following permit requirements. Failure to do so is a violation.

- ◇ Each permit is for one tree.
- ◇ Sales are final and non-refundable.
- ◇ A permit expires on the last day of the calendar year it was purchased.
- ◇ On Forest purchase (tag): Attach the permit securely to the tree so it will be visible during transport. Attach the permit as soon as the tree is cut down and before leaving the cutting area.
- ◇ On-line purchase: To validate your Christmas Tree permit you must print it and have it with you when cutting or transporting the tree. Display your permit on the drivers side dashboard so it is visible from outside your vehicle.
- ◇ Transport the tree so the permit is clearly visible from outside your vehicle.
- ◇ Don't top trees by leaving the lower part of the tree standing. Leave a stump less than 6 inches and cut below the lowest live limb.
- ◇ Use boughs from the lower section of the tree you cut, NOT from other live trees.
- ◇ Do NOT cut trees greater than 20 feet in height.
- ◇ Do NOT cut trees that are more than 6 inches in diameter at the stump.
- ◇ Scatter any unwanted branches to lie 24 inches or lower from the ground.
- ◇ Up to 5 Christmas Tree permits may be purchased by any one household in a calendar year.



Areas Closed to Christmas Tree Cutting

Forest-wide

- ◇ FOREST ROADS AND TRAILS: Do not cut trees within 100 feet of any forest road or trail.
- ◇ DEVELOPED AREAS: Do not cut trees in or within 200 feet of any developed areas, including Campgrounds, Picnic Areas, Scenic Overlooks, Trailheads, or Administrative Sites.
- ◇ WILDERNESS AREAS: Christmas tree cutting is prohibited in Wilderness Areas.
- ◇ TIMBER SALE AREAS: Christmas tree cutting is prohibited in Timber Sale areas. Do not cut any tree marked with colored paint or signs.

Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District

- ◇ BATTLE MOUNTAIN SCENIC BYWAY: Do not cut trees within 200 feet of Battle Mountain Scenic Byway (WY Highway 70)
- ◇ SNOWY RANGE SCENIC BYWAY: Do not cut trees within 500 feet of Snowy Range Scenic Byway (WY Highway 130).

Hahns Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District

Christmas tree cutting is Prohibited in the following areas:

- ◇ FISH CREEK FALLS RECREATION AREA
- ◇ STEAMBOAT SKI AREA
- ◇ FREEMAN RECREATION AREA
- ◇ SHERMAN YOUTH CAMP

Yampa Ranger District

- ◇ BEAR RIVER CORRIDOR: Do not cut trees within 200 feet of Forest Road 900.

Closed Areas Continued...

Laramie Ranger District

- ◇ SNOWY RANGE SCENIC BYWAY: Do not cut trees within 500 feet of Snowy Range Scenic Byway (WY Highway 130).
- ◇ POLE MOUNTAIN/VEDAUWOO: Christmas tree cutting is prohibited in the Pole Mountain/Vedauwoo Unit of the Laramie Ranger District.
- ◇ WY HIGHWAY 230: Do not cut trees within 200 feet of the highway.
- ◇ SNOWY RANGE SKI AREA: Christmas tree cutting is prohibited.



Where does my fee go?

In 1996, Congress passed into law the *Recreation Fee Demonstration Pilot Program* (fee demo). The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest has applied the fee demo program to its existing Christmas tree cutting program to provide the public with better customer service, more outlets to obtain tree permits, and improved management of tree cutting areas. Ninety-five percent of fees collected will be retained by the forest to help maintain and improve this program.

