

Cutting Guide

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests & Pawnee National Grassland I Canyon Lakes Ranger District

Permits go on sale on Recreation.gov Oct. 9, 2025. Tree cutting is permitted Nov. 22, 2025 – Jan. 7, 2026. Please print your permit prior to your trip.

Federal Rules:

- * Do not cut on private lands. Know your location and only cut on Forest Service Land.
- * Cut trunks no more than 6 inches from ground.
- * Scatter any unused portion of your tree.
- * No cutting within 75 feet of roads, trails, or developed recreation sites
- * Do not top trees, take whole tree
- * Do not drive off public roads.
- * Make sure your permit is displayed on dashboard or a visible location.
- * Pack out all trash.

Prepare for your Trip:

- * Traction devices, tow straps, and 4- wheel/all wheel drive vehicles recommended.
- * Recommended equipment: Ice scraper, shovel, flashlight, blanket, water, jumper cables, flares, a rope to safely secure your tree for transport, and a radio for emergencies.
- * Remember: cell phones may not work in the mountains.
- Download Canyon Lakes Ranger District Motor Vehicle Use Map through Avenza Maps prior to your trip.
- * Weather dependent, gates on seasonal Forest Service Roads will be closed 12/1.

Information Stations

Smokey and the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers will be operating Information Stations at these sites:

Arrowhead Lodge Visitor Center

Potbelly Restaurant and Lounge

34 miles west of Ted's Place on CO-14

24340 Red Feather Lakes Road (CR 74E)

Stations will be open 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

November 28 - November 30

December 6 - 7

Cut trees with a stump diameter of 6 inches or less!

























