U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

Special Stipulations Christmas Tree Cutting

Christmas Trees

- ➢ Cut trees up to 12 feet tall.
- > Leave stumps no taller than 12 inches after cutting.
- ➢ Use only handsaws for cutting.

General Conditions

- Carry your permit and be ready to show it to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff or law enforcement officers.
- > Permit is not transferable or refundable. Use it only on BLM public lands within your permit's specified areas.
- > Follow all rules and signs on BLM lands.
- > Enter only lands you have legal access to.
- > Protect cultural, historical, and archaeological sites by leaving them undisturbed.
- > Allow free passage of traffic and emergency vehicles when parking.
- > Dispose of all waste responsibly.

Harvesting Conditions

- > Harvest during daylight hours only.
- > Be careful when harvesting to avoid damaging nearby plants or habitats.
- Harvest only permitted species and amounts. Purchase additional amounts at your local BLM office or at https://forestproducts.blm.gov/
- > Leave enough behind for harvested species to regrow effectively.
- > Avoid harvesting trees marked with paint, signs, ribbons, or other markers.
- > Refrain from harvesting trees with wildlife nests or dens.
- Avoid cutting or injuring large, old, unusual, or solitary trees, or those with visible carvings, markings, or decorations.

Post-Harvesting Conditions

- Clean up all debris after harvesting or spread it out to a maximum height of 24 inches.
- Securely attach one load ticket per tree during transportation, making sure it is easily visible from the rear of the vehicle.

Environmental Respect

- > When passing through gates, leave them as you found them, either open or closed.
- > Drive only on open roads and jeep trails. Refrain from driving on muddy terrain to prevent creating deep ruts.
- Store fire sources like fuel, matches, and lighters safely when not in use. Limit open fires to designated areas and conditions.
- Check current regional fire restrictions at <u>https://www.blm.gov/programs/fire/fire-restrictions</u> before starting any harvesting activity and follow them.