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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Thank you for obtaining a permit to cut a Christmas tree on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. Tree cutting is not allowed in Wilderness Study Area's, National Recreation Area's, developed recreation sites, or within 300 feet of a stream. The permit is to be attached to the tree for transporting from the cutting site to your home

No Christmas tree cutting within ¼ mile of the Johnsrud Park Road or the Blackfoot River in the lower Blackfoot corridor or within ½ mile of Garnet Ghost Town.

YOUR TREE NEEDS SPECIAL CARE

Use a stand with a water reservoir and keep it full. A flat even cut is best for water absorption. Mist it for water. Inspect all tree light cords for safety, a dry tree can burn in only 15 seconds. Use caution and locate your tree away from heat registers, fireplaces, stoves, and candles.

YOU CAN BENEFIT A STAND OF GROWING TREES BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES

- Cut a tree in overcrowded stands, to reduce the competition among trees for sunlight and soil nutrients. Leave the healthiest trees.
- Don't cut in plantations. These are recognized by the uniform height and spacing of the trees.
- Take trees **ONLY** off of BLM lands.
- Leave less than a 5" stump. Chop up and scatter the branches you leave behind to decompose.
- Select trees under 12 feet in height.
- Do not cut the tops out of trees
- Do not cut Ponderosa Pine.

