



Christmas Tree Special Stipulations

These special Stipulations are part of your permit and must be in the permit holder's possession when cutting and transporting a Christmas tree upon public lands or roads.

1. Permits are non-refundable and non-transferable and are only valid on public lands administered by Bureau of Land Management within the areas specified on the map provided.
2. The public may harvest Christmas trees on all BLM lands in the Gunnison Field Office area **EXCEPT** the following:
 - Cochetopa Canyon along Hwy 114
 - Alpine Loop
 - Lake Fork of the Gunnison River
 - In or Adjacent to all campgrounds, trailheads and picnic areas
 - All wilderness areas
3. Adhere to all instructional and regulatory signs posted on BLM lands.
4. Cut trees **200** feet or more from the main roads: this is to preserve the scenery for future generations.
5. Any live tree less than ten (10) feet in height and less than eight (8) inches in diameter at root collar may be cut and removed if doing so does not constitute a prohibited action as defined below.
6. After cutting a live standing tree, any remaining stump must be no taller than 6 inches.
7. Slash (branches, stems, etc.) and any unused vegetative material resulting from harvesting activities must be removed from roads, fences, and other improvements and scattered on the ground at no more than 24 inches high.
8. Leave gates as you found them.
9. Securely attach and validate (punching out the month and day of transport) one haul tag for each Christmas tree while the load is in transport, making sure haul tags are highly visible from the rear of the vehicle.
10. Ensure all power saws are equipped with an exhaust system and are in good condition. Each saw must have a spark arrestor consisting of a wire mesh screen with a maximum mesh opening of .023 inches.

Prohibited actions:

1. Littering or dumping trash.
2. Disturbing prehistoric sites, historic sites, or artifacts. Archaeological and historic resources are protected by Federal Laws. No driving on or across archaeological sites or historical structures is permitted. Intentional disturbance or vandalism of archaeological or historical sites or removal of historic artifacts of any kind is punishable under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (Public Law 96-95; 16 U.S.C. 470) by fines of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment of up to one year, or both, for each incident.
3. You may not travel with a motorized vehicle off designated travel routes.¹ The BLM signs designated routes as open or identified as open on the Motor Vehicle Use Map. You may travel with a motorized vehicle up to 300 feet off a designated route if traveling on an existing route (a recognizable two-track trail). If no existing route is available, you may not park a vehicle more than 30 feet from the edge of a designated road.
4. Damaging or disturbing any tree with visible cavities or other evidence of wildlife use.
5. Using heavy equipment to cut and/or remove forest products.

¹ as defined in the 2010 Gunnison Basin Federal Lands Travel Management Plan Record of Decision