



Special Stipulations

Christmas Tree Cutting

General Conditions

- Carry your permit and show it when asked by BLM staff or law enforcement.
- Use your permit only for BLM public lands in the specified areas. Remember, it's not transferable or refundable.
- Follow all rules and signs posted on BLM lands.
- Enter only lands where you have legal access.
- Protect cultural, historical, and archaeological sites by leaving them undisturbed.
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.
- Park without blocking traffic or emergency vehicle routes.
- Dispose of all waste responsibly.

Harvesting Conditions

- Harvesting is limited to current Taos Field Office Fuelwood cutting units.
- Harvest during daylight hours only.
- Be careful not to harm nearby plants or habitats while harvesting.
- Cut trees up to 12 feet tall.
- Avoid cutting only the top portion of taller trees. Ensure to harvest the entire tree up to 12 feet tall.
- Leave stumps no taller than 6 inches after cutting.
- 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.
- Avoid harvesting within 200 feet of roads, water bodies, or recreational sites.

Post-Harvesting Conditions

- Clean up or spread out vegetative debris to a maximum height of 24 inches after harvesting.
- Securely attach and validate one load ticket per tree while the load is in transport, making sure load ticket is highly 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 two-tracks shown. Avoid muddy terrain to prevent ruts.
- Store fire sources safely when not in use. Use heat or spark generating tools carefully with fire prevention equipment.
- Ensure compliance with any regional fire restrictions by checking online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/fire/fire-restrictions> before starting any harvesting.

Areas Closed to Christmas Tree Harvesting & Removal

Refer to attached maps for more detailed Christmas tree harvest boundaries.

- Rio San Antonio Wilderness
- Rio Chama Wilderness Study Area
- Cerro del Yuta (Ute Mountain) Wilderness
- Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River Corridor
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- Wild Rivers Recreation Area/Guadalupe Mountains (where hunting is excluded)
- Rio Grande Gorge (rim to rim)
- Orilla Verde Recreation Area
- Taos Valley Overlook Recreation Area
- Santa Cruz Lake Recreation Area