Bureau of Land Management

Medford District

Christmas Tree Harvesting Special Stipulations

https://www.blm.gov/office/medford-district-office

The BLM offers the personal use Christmas tree program in a cooperative program to better serve local communities.

Christmas tree permits are valid on Medford District BLM lands only, as shown on permit maps.

Digital maps with geolocation information are available for download on the Avenza map application.

Please observe the following permit conditions:

General

1. HARVESTING PERMITTED WITHIN YELLOW AREAS ONLY
2. One permit is required for each tree
3. Validate and attached your permit to your tree before transporting
4. Resale of Christmas trees and/or permits is not permitted
5. Harvest only on public lands that are open for Christmas tree harvest
6. Do not harvest trees on private property
7. Do not harvest trees within fenced or posted tree plantations
8. Do not harvest tree within 200 feet of state highways, campgrounds, and other developed areas
9. Harvest only trees that are less than 12 feet tall
10. Keep stump height to no more than 12 inches above the ground
11. Harvest a tree only if there is another tree within 12 feet of it

No Harvest Areas

1. Christmas tree harvest is NOT PERMITTED within the WHITE AREAS, including the Wild and Scenic Rogue River corridor, Table Rocks recreation area, National Monuments, campgrounds, wilderness areas, botanical areas, or research natural areas

Vehicle Use

1. Respect road and area closures
2. Motorized vehicles are NOT PERMITTED on roads closed by gates, earthen barriers, or signed as closed to such vehicles
3. Stay on established roads
4. Be aware that others WILL BE using the same road (i.e. other harvesters, recreationists, log trucks, etc.)
5. Drive cautiously and defensively
6. Do NOT block, restrict, or interfere with anyone's use of the roads or trails
7. Vehicle should be clean of mud and plant materials before entry onto BLM lands

Safety Tips

1. Always let someone know where you plan to harvest your tree and when you expect to return
2. Check weather and road conditions before leaving home and be prepared for unexpected changes
3. Some public roads are not maintained in the winter
4. Carry tire chains
5. Carry a saw, shovel, gloves, boot, flashlights, first aid kit, additional water and food, and a rope to tie your tree down on your vehicle