



BLM Colorado Kremmling Field Office Christmas Tree Special Stipulations

The following Special Stipulations are part of your permit (vegetative material contract). The permit, including these Special Stipulations, must be in the Purchaser's possession when gathering and transporting Christmas trees upon public lands or roads.

1. Payment is non-refundable and permits are non-transferable, and are only valid on public lands administered by Bureau of Land Management, Kremmling Field Office, within the areas specified on the map provided. The Purchaser or an immediate family member must be present during the harvest and removal of the tree(s).
2. The number of Christmas trees purchased per household is limited to no more than five (5) trees.
3. Trees must not be more than twenty (20) feet in height. Do not top trees (Cutting the top out of a tree).
4. Trees must be tagged immediately after cutting. Securely attach and validate (punching out the month and day), one Christmas tree tag for each tree.
5. The stumps of all trees will be trimmed clean of all green limbs and the cut portion of the tree will be completely severed from the stump. Stumps must be less than 6 inches in height.
6. All portions of the tree not removed from the woods will be trimmed of branches and made to lie flat on the ground.
7. Slash shall be cut and scattered to a height not exceeding 24 inches from the ground.
8. Make sure you are on BLM public land when cutting your tree. Do not block roads or gates. Respect private lands.
9. Keep roadways, ditches, and trails, free of slash, felled trees or vehicles.
10. Do not gather Christmas trees in areas closed to Christmas tree cutting, such as: wilderness areas, wilderness study areas (WSAs), instant study areas, areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs), research natural areas, riparian areas, timber sales, administrative sites, campgrounds, picnic grounds, or recreation sites.
11. Chainsaws, handsaws or axes are allowed for harvesting. Each chainsaw must have an operable spark-arrester consisting of a wire mesh screen with maximum mesh openings of 0.23 inches or less.
12. No roads or trails will be constructed or created through use. Travel is permitted up to 150 feet from the centerline of open BLM roads as long as there is no resource damage. Cutting or hauling is prohibited during conditions which may result in excessive rutting of roads.
13. Access may be limited due to seasonal road closures or winter conditions.
14. Purchaser shall pay for or repair all damage to natural features; riparian areas; other vegetation; and roads, trails, fences, ditches, telephone lines, section corners or other improvements resulting from purchaser's activities under this permit.
15. No littering. Pack out your trash (oil cans, pop cans, lunch sacks, etc)
16. Historic and cultural finds will be left undisturbed and reported to the Bureau of Land Management.
17. Fire restrictions; and all other federal, state, and local laws; apply. Any violation will void the contract.



Important

Persons planning to cut a Christmas tree are cautioned about changing weather conditions. Many of the areas will have limited vehicle access, depending on snow depth. So dress appropriately, carry food and water, and make sure your vehicle is equipped with tire chains, shovel and emergency supplies. Four-wheel drive trucks or snowmobiles are recommended for access to most cutting areas.

Christmas Tree Tips

Choosing

- Decide where you will place tree before you go out to cut one.
- How tall is the ceiling there? Measure (Then don't forget the tape measure when you go to cut the tree. Even if you can't reach the top, you can get an idea of how tall the tree is).
- Watch out for height! Trees look much smaller in the forest without a ceiling.
- Picture the tree in the place you have allotted for it. If it is going to be in a corner, flatness on one or two sides will be an advantage.
- Squint and back away. Does it still look full.

Never top a tree (cutting only the top out of a tree, leaving the lower portion, uncut. If you are caught you will be cited).

Cutting

- The best tool for the job is a small hand or camp saw.
- Clear the snow away from the base of the tree.
- Leave no more than a 6-inch stump.

Transporting

- Horticulturists suggest wrapping your tree in an old blanket to minimize wind damage driving home.

Making your tree comfortable

- Be sure the base cut is fresh. This enables the tree to take water up easily.

It seems almost everyone has a 'perfect solution' for prolonging the life of the tree. Some say you should put the tree in hot water first, then switch to cold. The soft drink 'Seven-Up' and sugar water are other possibilities. Use whichever old wives; tale that appeals to you most, but plain water works just fine.

The average humidity in a home during the winter is less than 15%.

- Block nearby registers or forced-air outlets to help avoid excessive drying.
- Mist the needles regularly.