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. Collection areas are subject to seasonal closures. Please inquire with San Luis Valley Field Office prior to collecting.
2. 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.
3. Adhere to all instructional and regulatory signs posted on BLM lands.
4. 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.
5. After cutting a live standing tree, any remaining stump must be no taller than 6 inches.
6. 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.
7. Leave gates as you found them.
8. 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.
9. 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. Vehicular travel on roads that show evidence of having been closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.
4. Vehicular travel on unimproved roads when it creates rutting more than four (4) inches deep.
5. Vehicular travel off road more than 100 feet from existing routes.
6. Traversing across lands where no legal access is granted (e.g., private and state lands with "no trespassing" signs).
7. Blocking traffic or impeding fire and emergency vehicles.
8. Damaging or disturbing any tree with visible cavities or other evidence of wildlife use.
9. Using heavy equipment to cut and/or remove forest products.
10. Forest product removal within 150 feet of the centerline of any flowing watercourse or paved road or highway.
11. Cutting or removal of trees or logs marked with paint or tagged as wildlife trees, bearing trees, seed trees, or with transect location signs.
12. Cutting, injuring, or removing any **Alder, Bristlecone Pine, cottonwood, or willow tree**.

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Tree Identification

Douglas-Fir

(Pseudotsuga menziesii)

Bark: Gray and smooth with resin blisters on young trees.

Elevation: 6,000 to 9,500 ft.





White Fir

(Abies concolor)

Bark: Light gray and smooth with resin blisters (young); deeply furrowed/corky ridges and orange cracks (mature).

Elevation: 7,900 to 10,200 feet.





Lodgepole Pine

(Pinus contorta)

Bark: Light brown, thin with many small scales.

Elevation: 8,000 to 11,000ft





Rocky Mountain Juinper

(Juniperus scopulorum)

Bark: Gray-brown, thin, fibours; shreds with a red-brown color underneath.

Elevation: 5,000 to 9,000ft





Blue Spruce Spruce

(Picea pungens)

Bark: Gray-brown, thickscales on mature trees

Elevation: 6,700 to 11,500.





Piñon Pine

(Pinus edulis)

Bark: Gray, smooth and thin (young); red-brown, rough and furrowed into scaly ridges (mature)

Elevation: 5,200 to 9,000 ft.





Know Your Trees Before You Cut Them

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