

## **BLM Uncompahgre Field Office CHRISTMAS TREE SPECIAL STIPULATIONS**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) allows the cutting of Christmas trees on BLM-administered lands in the Uncompahgre Field Office, except within the following areas:

- Areas signed as closed (you may not walk into areas seasonally closed for wildlife protection)
- The Gunnison Gorge (Except along C77 Road) and Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Areas
- Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, Research Natural Areas, and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
- One quarter mile from the San Miguel River and eligible Wild and Scenic River segments
- One quarter mile from campgrounds, picnic areas, recreation management areas, and administrative sites
- 100 feet of streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, and other riparian areas.

### **PERMITS: \$8.00 PER TREE - LIMIT FIVE TREES PER HOUSEHOLD**

- **PRIOR TO CUTTING:** Obtain a permit at the Montrose Public Lands Center, 2505 S. Townsend Ave, Montrose (open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. except federal holidays)
- **PRIOR TO TRANSPORTING:** Place permit around trunk or large branch of each tree

### **Please observe the following:**

- This permit allows you to cut **ONLY** on public land administered by the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, Montrose, CO. BLM lands share boundaries with private and other public lands. It is your responsibility to know your location and who owns the land. Per Colorado State Law CRS 23-31-403, written permission from the landowner is required prior to cutting any tree on private land.
- Drive vehicles only on existing roads and trails. Do not drive on roads when soils are saturated to a depth of 3 inches to prevent damage to roads.
- Be prepared for winter conditions. The BLM encourages you to take a 4-wheel drive vehicle, chains, shovel, and winter gear.
- **ONLY Pinyon pine or Juniper (also called cedar) trees may be cut on BLM lands.**
- Do not damage nearby trees. Do not cut the tops off large trees—it disfigures and can kill them.
- Remember that trees appear smaller outdoors than they will in your home.
- Cut your tree as close to ground level as possible. Scatter any live limbs remaining.

**NO REFUNDS ARE GIVEN ON CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS  
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