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BLM CO Royal Gorge Field Office Christmas Tree Permit Sales

PERMITS: Christmas Tree permit sales begin each year on the Monday before Thanksgiving and continue through December 24th, or the last business day before December 25th. Christmas Trees may be harvested through December 31st. Permits are available at the following locations:

- BLM Colorado Royal Gorge Field Office in Cañon City, CO. Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Visitor Center in Salida, CO. Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Permits are for personal use only. Commercial Christmas Tree cutting requires a special permit. Christmas Tree permit terms and conditions are listed on page 2. For information contact **Jeremiah Moore, BLM Royal Gorge Field Office Forester, at 719-269-8576.**

COST: Permits are \$10 per tree with a limit of 2 trees per household. If harvesting a tree for a friend or family member that is unable to harvest a tree for themselves, please bring their address to our office when purchasing a permit.

TREE SELECTION: Christmas Tree harvesting is open on all BLM lands within the Royal Gorge Field Office **except** Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), Research Natural Areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs), Browns Canyon National Monument, areas lawfully closed, or areas within 1/8 mile of campgrounds, picnic areas, or developed recreation areas, including the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. Maps of closed areas as well as recommended harvest areas are available at the offices where permits are purchased and online at forestproducts.blm.gov.

Recommended Areas:

- Texas Creek – Piñon Pine, Rocky Mountain Juniper
- West McCoy Gulch – Piñon Pine, Rocky Mountain Juniper
- Penrose Chaining – Piñon Pine, Rocky Mountain Juniper
- Grand Canyon Hills – Piñon Pine, Rocky Mountain Juniper
- Kerr Gulch – White Fir, Douglas-fir, Piñon Pine, Ponderosa Pine
- Garden Park Area – Piñon Pine, Rocky Mountain Juniper
- Sand Gulch (Howard) – White Fir, Douglas-fir, Piñon Pine & Rocky Mountain Juniper, Ponderosa Pine
- Waugh Mountain – Engelmann Spruce, Douglas-fir
- Stoney Face Mountain – Engelmann Spruce, Douglas-fir, Subalpine fir
- Arkansas Mountain – White Fir, Douglas-fir, Piñon Pine, Rocky Mountain Juniper
- Crampton Mountain – White Fir, Douglas-fir, Ponderosa Pine
- Shavano – Piñon Pine
- Four Mile – Piñon Pine
- Lodgepole Flats – Lodgepole Pine

IMPORTANT SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS: Be prepared for winter conditions, there is more snow in the high country than in town. Plan to do some walking through snow, and make sure everyone in your party has warm clothes and boots. Pack emergency supplies and carry an appropriate map. Leave word with friends or relatives of your planned destination. Take a vehicle equipped for winter conditions with 4-wheel drive, snow tires, or chains. Start early, the winter days are shorter.



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BLM CO Royal Gorge Field Office Christmas Tree Permit Terms and Conditions

1. This permit is only valid on certain Federal lands administered by the BLM. No cutting trees or trespassing on private lands.
2. Tag your tree with the permit on the branches or trunk before removing it. Failure to **tag a tree immediately** after cutting will be considered unauthorized removal and can result in a violation notice being issued.
3. The person whose name is on the permit must be present during the tree harvest operation. No transferring of permits is allowed.
4. A copy of the permit must be made available upon request of any authorized enforcement personnel.
5. Keep vehicles **within 100 feet of open existing roads**. Please avoid harvesting when the roads are wet to avoid damage.
6. No parking on or blocking public roads with vehicles. Find a safe place to pull off the road.
7. Cut stumps to within 6 inches of the ground or below the last live limb.
8. Do not cut trees over 20 feet tall. Try to select the appropriate size tree. It is illegal to take only the top of a tree. Please do not disfigure trees. Utilize unwanted limbs for wreaths and other decorations.
9. Chainsaws, handsaws, or axes are allowed for harvesting.
10. NO Christmas Tree harvesting is allowed in areas posted for no fuelwood or firewood cutting, Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), Research Natural Areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs), Browns Canyon National Monument, areas lawfully closed, or areas within 1/8 mile of campgrounds, picnic areas, or developed recreation areas.
11. Permittee is responsible for removing any trash or refuse they brought into the cutting area.
12. Avoid conflicts with other public land users.
13. Do not damage or destroy and historic or cultural resource including but not limited to: buildings (old cabins, sheds), structures (corrals, fences), old cans, bottles, and mining sites. If any cultural resources are discovered during your harvesting of a Christmas tree, please take time to stop by our office and provide its location.
14. Do not damage fences, gates, telephone lines, survey markers or bearing trees near them, or other structures or range improvements.
15. All other Federal, State, and Local laws apply.

For additional information regarding Christmas Trees or other Special Forest Products, contact **Jeremiah Moore, BLM Royal Gorge Field Office Forester, at 719-269-8576**.