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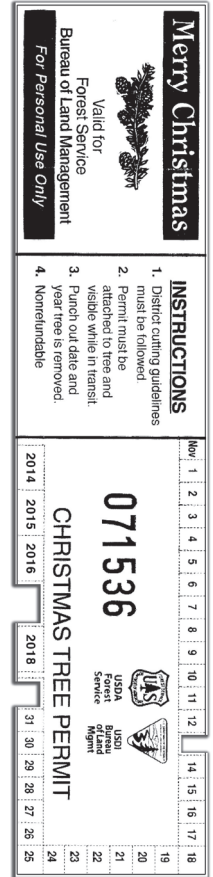
Christmas Tree Cutting

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest 2017



As you search for that special Christmas tree, please follow the guidelines listed below. If you have any questions, please contact any of our Forest Service offices listed on the next page.

- ➔ You will need a **\$5 Christmas tree permit** to remove a tree from the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Permits are available at all Forest Service offices and various businesses in Okanogan, Chelan, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties. **Permits are not refundable.**
- ➔ **Every Kid in a Park** pass holders may receive a free Christmas tree permit by presenting an Every Kid in a Park pass or valid paper voucher printed from Every Kid in a Park website: everykidinapark.gov
- ➔ Maximum tree size is **15 feet**.
- ➔ The tree may be **cut, or dug up** and removed as a transplant. The ground starts freezing as early as November. Please fill in the hole created when digging up a live tree.
- ➔ Please **remove the entire tree**, not just the top. Leave no more than a 6-inch stump.
- ➔ If there are any live limbs still attached to stump after tree is felled, cut them from the stump.
- ➔ **When at a trailhead requiring a fee**, you will need to display a Northwest Forest Pass on dashboard of vehicle. This can be purchased from any Forest Service office.
- ➔ **Do not park at a Sno-Park** unless you have a valid Washington State Sno-Park permit displayed in your vehicle.
- ➔ When choosing a Christmas tree, try to pick a tree from among a group of trees so one area does not become void of trees.
- ➔ The Christmas tree permit system is not meant to be a replacement for our special forest product transplant program. That program is separate with its own guidelines. The Christmas tree program is just that, a program set up for families to cut their own Christmas tree.
- ➔ When you cut your tree, remember to punch out the **month, day, and year** on the permit tag. Tags may **not** be re-used. Attach the Christmas tree tag where it is clearly visible on the tree. It should be attached before the tree is loaded on to your vehicle.
- ➔ Each permit is for **one** Christmas tree. Only two permits issued per family.



AREAS WHERE TREES CANNOT BE CUT



- ⊗ **Within congressionally designated Wilderness Areas.**
- ⊗ **Within Fire Closure Areas.** Contact local Forest Service offices for information on specific closure areas.
- ⊗ **Within 200 feet** of the following roads:
 - ⊗ **Naches District**—along Highway 410, Highway 12, and Forest Service Roads #1200, #1800, and #1900
 - ⊗ **Entiat District**—along the Entiat Valley Road
 - ⊗ **Cle Elum District**—along I-90 and Highway 97
 - ⊗ **Methow Valley District**—along Highway 20 over Loup Loup Pass between Twisp and Okanogan. Along Harts Pass road #5400. Along North Cascades Scenic Highway between east and west scenic highway portal signs (including all side roads).
- ⊗ **Within 150 feet** of any stream, lake, pond, or wetland area.
- ⊗ **In active timber sale areas.**
- ⊗ **On privately owned and state managed land** within the National Forest boundary.
- ⊗ **In tree plantations, campgrounds, administrative sites, or areas where specifically posted.**

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- ➔ If a tree is obtained early in the season, it should be kept in a cool place, out of the wind, in a bucket of water. Remember, a tree that is dry is an extreme fire hazard.
- ➔ Carry the tree carefully out of the woods. If the tree will not fit in the vehicle, wrap it in a tarp to prevent windburn and needle loss during transportation.
- ➔ When you get your tree home, make a fresh cut on the butt to open up the pores which have been clogged by sap. Cut off at least one-half inch. If you do not make a fresh cut, the tree will not be able to drink water. After the cut is made, put the tree in water as soon as possible. An average tree may consume between a quart and a gallon of water per day.
- ➔ Avoid placing the tree next to fireplaces, heaters, television sets, or other heat sources.
- ➔ Forest road conditions can change rapidly this time of year. For current information, please contact the local Ranger District office. District personnel may also be able to help if you are looking for a specific tree species.
- ➔ Be sure to properly dispose of your cut tree after the holidays. Most waste disposal companies offer special pick up times. Never try to burn the tree in your fireplace or woodstove — a chimney fire could result.

The employees of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest wish you a happy holiday season and hope that your Christmas tree will be a valued addition to your family's enjoyment.



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Offices and Locations

Permits purchased at these locations are valid only on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

Chelan Ranger District

428 W. Woodin Avenue
Chelan, WA 98816-9724
(509) 682-4900

Hours: Mon – Fri 7:45 – 4:30
(closed for lunch 11:30 – 12:30)

Cle Elum Ranger District

803 W. 2nd Street
Cle Elum, WA 98922
(509) 852-1100

Hours: Mon – Sat 8:00 – 4:00
(closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:15)

Entiat Ranger District

2108 Entiat Way
Entiat, WA 98822
(509) 784-4700

Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 – 4:30

Wenatchee River Ranger District

600 Sherbourne
Leavenworth, WA 98826
(509) 548-2550

Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 – 4:30
(closed for lunch 12:00 – 1:00)

Methow Valley Ranger District

24 West Chewuch Road
Winthrop, WA 98862
(509) 996-4000

Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 – 4:30

Naches Ranger District

10237 Highway 12
Naches, WA 98937
(509) 653-1401

Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 – 4:30
(closed for lunch 12:00 – 12:30)

Omak Visitor Center

401 Omak Ave
Omak, WA 98841
(509) 486-5145

Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30 – 4:00
(closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:00)

Tonasket Ranger District

1 W. Winesap
Tonasket, WA 98855
(509) 486-2186

Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 – 4:30
(closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:00)

Wenatchee Headquarters

215 Melody Lane
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 664-9200

Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 – 4:30

Website: fs.usda.gov/okawen