

2020 Christmas Tree Site Information

Ranger District: Dillon RD

Christmas Tree Area name: No Specific Area, Christmas Tree Cutting may be performed anywhere on the Dillon Ranger District **EXCEPT:**

- Designated Wilderness Areas
- Proposed Wilderness Areas
- Administrative Areas
- Developed Recreation Sites
- Campgrounds
- Ski Areas
- Within 100 Feet of roads, trails and trailheads.
- Within Commercial Timber Sales
- Withing active Forest Closure areas

District Office Street Address:

680 Blue River Parkway
Silverthorne, CO 80498

Phone number for Christmas tree information: 970-468-5400

Office Hours during tree cutting/permit sales time: Monday – Friday; 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Permit price: \$10.00*

*4th Graders can receive a free Christmas Tree permit with a valid **Every Kid Outdoors** 4th Grade Interagency Pass. These free Holiday Tree permits are only available at U.S. Forest Service District offices. Information on how to obtain a 4th Grade Interagency Pass is located at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=fseprd479262>

Number of total permits available: Maximum of 5 permits per person

Locations permits will be sold:

- All District Offices and the Supervisors office beginning November 16, 2020.
- ONLINE: At www.recreation.gov beginning November 15, 2020. The cost will be \$10 per tree with a \$2.50 processing fee.
- Local Vendors on Dillon RD: Sander’s True Value (**Cash ONLY**) and Breckenridge Welcome Center. Cost of permits at vendors will be \$10.

****Please visit vendor websites or contact vendor directly for business hours****

Dates permits will be available: Starting November 15th.

Core Cutting dates: Anytime between November 15th and Dec. 31st, 2020.

Directions to cutting area: N/A See Christmas Tree Cutting Area Map at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=fseprd602158>

List any restrictions:

- Tree trunk size is 6” or less in diameter (strictly enforced).
- Tree height cannot be more than 15 feet from the base.
- Stump height must be 6” or less from ground.
- Handsaws are best.
- Pets must be on leash.
- Pack out your own trash.
- No trespassing on private property
- Christmas Tree Permit must be attached in a visible location on tree for easy verification
- Avoid Cutting Colorado Blue Spruce
- Be aware that many Forest roads will be closed starting November 23rd 2020. Please abide by all road closures, signs and gates. See our MVUM’s for details:
(<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/home/?cid=stelprdb5328680#winter>)

PROHIBITED –

1. Cutting trees marked with blue paint
2. Cutting Trees in the following areas
 - Designated Wilderness Areas
 - Proposed Wilderness Areas
 - Administrative Areas
 - Developed Recreation Sites
 - Campgrounds
 - Ski Areas
 - Within 100 Feet of [roads, trails and trailheads](#)
 - Within Commercial Timber Sales
 - Within active Forest Closure areas
3. Cutting the top off of large trees (stumps must be 6” or less from the ground).
4. [Cutting Colorado Blue Spruce](#)
5. [Cutting trees larger than 6 inches in diameter.](#)
6. [Cutting trees taller than 15’ from the base.](#)

Required (chains, etc.): N/A

Recommended:

- Call district office for current road conditions to cutting site.
- Dress warmly and always be prepared for winter weather.
- Have a full tank of gas.

- Wear appropriate winter clothing: waterproof pants and jackets (ski or snowmobile type clothing), warm fleece or wool layers, snow boots, mittens or gloves, hats, sunglasses.
- Have a full tank of gas.
- Bring food, extra water, a shovel, a blanket, first aid kit and a warm drink.
- Leave pets at home.
- Bring rope or straps to properly secure your tree to your vehicle for safe transport.

SAFETY NOTE: Falling trees are always a hazard when traveling in the Forest

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Stay out of the forest when there are strong winds that could potentially blow down dead or alive trees.
- Park vehicles in areas where they will not be hit if trees fall.
- When driving in remote areas of the forest, park close to a main road. If trees fall across the road, you may be trapped.
- Bring an ax, chainsaw, or hand saw to remove fallen trees from roads in the event you become trapped.
- Do not rely on cell phones for communication as there may be limited to no coverage in many areas of the National Forest. Consider bringing a satellite phone or satellite messaging device. Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

Any additional information: Permits will also be sold through local vendors at Sander's True Value (**Cash ONLY**) and the Breckenridge Welcome Center. Permits will be available at vendor locations during the vendor's normal business hours. ****Please contact vendor directly for business hours.****

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