



▶ **COST:**

\$5 for a permit to cut a single tree or dig up a live tree. Each family may purchase up to two permits on the Colville National Forest and up to five permits on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

▶ **PERMITS AVAILABLE AT:**

Colville National Forest
765 S. Main St., Colville (509)
684-7000

Idaho Panhandle National Forests
3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene
(208) 765-7233, (cash or check only)

U.S. Bureau of Land Management
1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane
(509) 536-1200

▶ **BY MAIL:**

Visit the websites below to print out a mail-in form for tree tags.

Coeur d'Alene
River Ranger District:
tinyurl.com/mkjkqdc

St. Joe River Ranger District:
tinyurl.com/k7w6okn

▶ **MOST POPULAR TREES:**

Grand firs and **Douglas firs** are noted for their fragrance and soft needles. For people willing to venture to higher elevations, **Englemann spruce** and **subalpine fir** are also popular choices.

▶ **WHERE TO CUT:**

Most of the national forest is open to cutting. However, trees must be cut well away from campgrounds, main roads, creeks or streams, posted tree plantations and active logging sites.

▶ **REQUIRED:**

Attach the fluorescent tree tag to your tree before putting it into your vehicle.

▶ **PROHIBITED:**

Don't cut large trees just to get the top. Trees should be cut below the lowest live limb or 8 inches above the ground, whichever is lower.

▶ **RECOMMENDED:**

Prepare for snow. Bring vehicle chains and dress warmly, including boots and gloves. In addition to a saw, bring a sled to haul the tree to your vehicle and a rope for securing the tree.

▶ **KNOW WHERE YOU ARE:**

Cutting is not allowed on private or state-owned lands within national forest or BLM boundaries.

Forest maps are available online at: www.fs.fed.us/recreation/nationalforeststore/

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