

Six Rivers National Forest

2022 Christmas Trees Permit Policy

We hope all of you enjoy your Christmas tree and the experience of cutting it in its natural habitat. Please help to protect and preserve your forest by observing the following regulations:

- A permit must be purchased before cutting any tree. Permits can be purchased online at www.recreation.gov or in-person at any ranger station, Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.
- One tree is allowed per permit sold (2 per household). Individuals must be 18 or older to purchase a permit.
- Permits are \$10.00 each. There is a one-time \$2.50 processing fee for online permits only. ***There are no refunds.***
- Your permit from Rec.gov must be on hand when cutting your tree. There is no tag associated with it. In-person permit has a standard colored tag which is to be attached to the tree.
- Cut the tree at least 100 feet from the main road.
- There is no cutting allowed in wilderness areas, plantations, botanical areas, day-use areas, or developed campgrounds.
- Cut only trees that are 6 inches or less in diameter at the ground level. Tree “topping” is prohibited.
- The stump must be no higher than 12 inches from the ground.



In addition, California state law prohibits the transportation of more than five (5) trees in any vehicle without a transportation tag issued by the County Sheriff's office (PC 384C). Contact your local Sheriff's office for additional information.