The Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands sell Christmas tree permits each year beginning the Monday prior to Thanksgiving. Purchase of a Christmas Tree Permit is required prior to cutting a Christmas tree from National Forest System lands.

Christmas Tree Permits can be purchased at these locations:

Pine Ridge Ranger District Office

125 N. Main St. Chadron NE 308.432.0300

Recreation.gov

Bessey Ranger District Office 40637 River Loop Rd. Halsey NE 308.533.2257

Sandhill Sutton's 604 Highway 2 Halsey NE 308.533.2323

Ewoldt's Grocery Store 608 Court St. Thedford NE 308.645.2235

Christmas trees may be harvested in areas indicated on the map

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Subject to, and in strict compliance with, all the following conditions (both General and Other) and those listed on your permit, the Permittee is authorized to harvest and remove the forest product described.

- This sale is final and payments are not subject to refund.
- Permit must be in the Permittee's possession while harvesting and transporting products. Copies are not allowed.
- This permit is nontransferable.
- This permit and activities hereunder are subject to all applicable Federal statutes and regulations and State and local laws. In case of conflict, Federal statutes and regulations shall take precedence. Where applicable, a Memorandum of Agreement between the Forest Service and BLM governs administration and enforcement of this permit (Sec. 330, P.L. 106-291).
- Motorized Vehicles are not allowed off existing roads that are open to the public, unless otherwise specified within this permit. Permittee parking shall not block traffic or impede fire or emergency vehicles.
- Permittee shall remove all trash and litter resulting from Permittee's activities.
- Concurrent with forest production removal activities, slash and unused vegetative material resulting from Permittee's activities shall be removed from roads and ditches and scattered in the surrounding landscape.
- Permittee shall comply with fire requirements and current restrictions to prevent forest fires.
- Permittee shall pay for or repair all damage to natural features; riparian areas; other vegetation; and roads, trails, fences, ditches, telephone lines, or other improvements resulting from Permittee's activities under this permit.
- The Forest Service reserves the right to unilaterally revoke this permit for Permittee's noncompliance with its terms and conditions or when revocation is in the public's interest.
- Regardless of whether the forest products are removed, this permit will terminate either at midnight of the termination date shown above, or when the quantity listed above is reached, whichever comes first.
- None of the terms or conditions of this permit may be varied or modified, except for unilateral modifications by the Forest Service and/or BLM.
- Permittee agrees to hold the Government harmless from any claim for damage or loss of property, personal injury, or death.
- Collection of forest products is permitted only in the area(s) described by this permit.
- Permittee shall complete the Product Quantity Removal Record in ink prior to transporting products between collection sites, or leaving permit cutting area. Load tickets must be securely attached to the load and clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.

Other Conditions

- Do not cut tops out of trees and leave the lower portion of the tree standing.
- Christmas tree cutting is prohibited in administrative sites and campgrounds.
- Product removal is limited to designated areas.
- Christmas tree cutting is limited to ponderosa pine (all areas) and eastern red cedar (all areas) at 20 feet or less in height. Stumps must be cut to 6 inches or less in height. Cut and scatter all remaining material to lie no more than 2 feet high.
- Christmas tree cutting is not allowed in the Signal Hill Research Natural Area (RNA) of the Bessey Ranger District, or any Research Natural Area (RNA) on the Pine Ridge Ranger District.
- No cutting or removal of trees is allowed in any active timber sale areas.

