



Date of Issue: _____

**FREE USE PERMIT TO CUT A CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOREST DISTRICT FOR PERSONAL USE**

This permit authorizes _____ (print name) under authority of Section 48 (1) (a.1) of the *Forest Act*, to cut one Christmas tree on Crown land and transport it to _____ (print address) for personal use, subject to the following conditions:

- Tree cutting is permitted only on Crown Land, with the following exceptions: no cutting is allowed in Recreations Sites, Woodlot Licenses, Christmas Tree Permits, Provincial and National Parks, Community Forests, Indian Reserves or within 50 metres of any stream.
- Preferred locations are Crown land on power line right of ways and within 3 meters of the driving surface of a Forest Service Road or within the cleared road right of way.
- A Christmas tree cut under the authority of this permit must not be offered for sale.
- Trees cut shall not exceed 15centimetres in diameter measured at a point 30 centimetres from the ground.
- The permittee assumes all risk of loss or injury and agrees to indemnify the Crown against and save it harmless from all claims, demands, suits, actions, causes of action, costs, expenses and losses faced, incurred or suffered by the Crown as a result, directly or indirectly, by and act or omission of: the permittee; or by any other person who on behalf of or with the consent of the permittee engages in any activity under or associated with this Free Use permit.
- The permittee must carry this permit while harvesting and transporting the Christmas tree and must produce this permit at the request of a Natural Resource Officer or Peace Officer. This permit constitutes an exemption from the timber marking and scaling requirements in accordance with Section 84 of the Forest Act. Failure to have this permit in the permittees possession, the possession of more than one tree per permit, or harvesting in areas not designated for cutting by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations may result in the tree being seized and enforcement action being taken.

I agree to abide by the terms of this permit. _____ (Permittee signature)

Permit is not valid until signed by the Permittee and expires one (1) year after the date of issue.

J. Harry Mitchell

District Manager

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