



FREE USE PERMIT TO CUT A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR PERSONAL USE IN THE CASCADES NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

Free Use Permit Number: 24-Cascades

This Free Use Permit authorizes _____ (full legal name) under section 48 (1) (a.1) of the *Forest Act* to cut 1 Christmas tree (**less than 5 metres in height**) and transport it to: _____ (full home address, city)

This authorization is only for the **Cascades Natural Resource District Office** within the Thompson-Okanagan Natural Resource Region.


This Free Use Permit is valid from **NOVEMBER 1, 2024** until **DECEMBER 25, 2024**, subject to the following conditions:

1. Subject to paragraph 2 below, the Christmas tree may only be cut from areas of Crown land:
 - (a) on power line rights-of-way or forest road rights-of-way.

Note: Power line rights-of-way are defined by the cleared area immediately under the power line itself. Road rights-of-way are defined as 3 metres (10 feet) beyond the edge of the ditch or excavated portion of the road bank or fill slope.
2. **NO CUTTING** of Christmas trees is permitted in the following areas:
 - (a) Forest plantations in harvested areas, or
 - (b) Juvenile spaced (thinned) stands.
3. This Free Use Permit authorizes the Permittee to **cut 1 and only 1** Christmas tree for their own personal use. Make sure it is the tree you want before you cut it.
4. A Christmas tree cut under this Free Use Permit must not be offered for sale.
5. The Permittee 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, or any act or omission of:
 - (a) the Permittee; or
 - (b) 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.
6. The **Permittee must carry** this Free Use Permit while harvesting and transporting the Christmas tree and must produce the Permit at the request of a Forest Officer, a Forest Official, a Conservation Officer or a Peace Officer. Failure to have this Free Use Permit in your possession, the possession of more than 1 tree per permit, or harvesting in areas other than those outlined in Paragraph 1 of this Free Use Permit may result in the tree(s) being seized and enforcement actions being taken.

SIGNED:

PERMITTEE
I agree to abide by the terms of this Free Use Permit.



Kim DeRose, M. Sc., RPF
DISTRICT MANAGER

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