



Ministry of
Forests

**FREE USE PERMIT TO CUT A
CHRISTMAS TREE FOR
PERSONAL USE IN THE
THOMPSON RIVERS FOREST
DISTRICT**

This Free Use Permit authorizes (*your name here*) _____

under Section 48(1)(a.1) of the *Forest Act* to cut one (1) Christmas tree (less than 3 metres in height) in the Thompson Rivers District and transport it to (*your address here*):

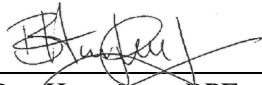
This Free Use Permit is valid until December 25, 2024, subject to the following conditions:

1. Subject to Paragraph 2 below, the Christmas tree may only be cut from areas of Crown land, i.e., on power line right-of-ways, road right-of-ways, or on open range land.
 Note: Power line right-of-ways are defined by the cleared area immediately under the power lines itself.
 Road right-of-ways are defined as 3 metres (10 feet) beyond the edge of the ditch or excavated portion of the road bank or fill slope.
2. Trees may NOT be cut from:
 - (a) Private lands (without permission of the private landowner) or other areas alienated or reserved for a special use;
 - (b) Parks;
 - (c) Areas where hydro lines cross private land (unless permission is obtained from the private land owner) nor may they be cut from Christmas Tree Permit areas established on certain hydro lines;
 - (d) Forest plantations in harvested areas;
 - (e) Woodlot Licence areas
 - (f) Community Forest Agreement areas unless authorized by the agreement holder (District of Logan Lake, Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society, Wells Gray Community Forest Corp.).
 - (g) Tree Farm Licence 35 (Jamieson Creek) unless authorized by West Fraser Mills Ltd., 100 Mile House.
 - (h) Tree Farm Licence 18 (Clearwater) unless authorized by Interfor, Adams Lake.
3. This Free Use Permit authorizes the Permittee to cut 1 Christmas tree per household for their own personal use.
4. A Christmas tree cut under this free use permit is for personal use and must not be offered for sale or trade.
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 of 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 Permit.
6. The Permittee must carry this 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 permit in your possession, the possession of more than the number of trees specified above, or harvesting in areas other than those outlined in Paragraph 1 of this permit may result in the tree(s) being seized and enforcement actions being taken.

I agree to abide by the terms of this permit:

Permittee Signature

Date


Ben Humphrey, RPF
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