



**FREE USE PERMIT
(FOR CHRISTMAS TREES)**

AUTHORIZATION TO CUT CHRISTMAS TREES FOR PERSONAL USE

Harvesting Christmas trees from Crown land without a cutting authority is unlawful. **Note that Christmas tree cutting is not to take place on plantations, research areas, recreation sites, recreation trails and in cut blocks being logged, or on private land without the landowner's permission.**

Pursuant to Section 48(1)(a.1) of the *Forest Act*, within the Mackenzie Natural Resource District you may cut and transport up to three (3) Christmas trees for your own personal use, subject to the following conditions:

- You must ensure that you are not cutting on private property (including the Community Forest and Woodlots) unless you have the landowner's permission. You may only cut trees on vacant Crown land.
- Cutting trees showing obvious signs of use by wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Stumps will be cut as low as possible, and must not exceed thirty centimetres (30 cm) in height.
- The Christmas trees you harvest under this permit cannot be sold.
- **You must carry this signed permit at all times while cutting or transporting Christmas trees.**

In an effort to stop unauthorized cutting of Christmas trees, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development will be carrying out patrols. Enforcement actions may be taken against anyone who is found to be cutting or transporting Christmas trees in an unlawful manner. We ask your co-operation in helping us to stop the unlawful harvesting and selling of Christmas trees. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

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This permit expires January 5, 2018

I have read and understand this permit

Authorized by: David G. Schwarz
District Manager
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Signature