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



Below is your **CHRISTMAS TREE FREE USE PERMIT** which allows you to cut a **MAXIMUM** of two (2) Christmas trees in the Chilcotin Forest District.

Cutting Christmas trees free of charge is strictly for **PERSONAL USE ONLY** and you are not allowed to sell them. You are allowed to cut a maximum of two (2) trees per family. It is the permit holder's responsibility to ensure that he/she is cutting on **Vacant Crown Land**, outside of a Woodlot, Community Forest and the Tsilhqot'in Opinion and Rights area. (See Chilcotin Forest District website for maps.)

Do not transport your tree outside the province.

This authorization is only for the **Chilcotin Forest District** within the Southern Interior Forest Region. Please fill in the blanks, sign the Permit and carry it with you in case you are asked to show it.

This Free Use Permit authorizes

Under Section 49 of the *Forest Act* to cut two (2) Christmas trees (less than 5 metres in height) and transport it to:

This Free Use Permit is valid until **December 25, 2009**, 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 right-of-ways forest road right-of-ways.

**Note:** Power line right-of-ways are defined by the cleared area immediately under the power line itself. Road right-of-ways are defined as three 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 Permit authorizes the Permittee to cut a **maximum of 2 and only two** Christmas trees 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 omissions 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 two trees per Permit, 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 Free Use Permit.*

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PERMITTEE

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Date

Authorized by:  
Michael C. Pedersen, R.P.F.  
District Manager  
Chilcotin Forest District