

# Helena National Forest Offices

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Helena National Forest...  
Get outside!

## Tips for Cutting Your Tree and Helping Our Forests

- Be sure you are on National Forest land.
- Please cut your Christmas tree from an overcrowded stand of trees in meadows
- Do not cut trees in campgrounds or in active timber sale areas.
- Please leave no more than a **6 inch** stump. Remove and scatter all limbs from the portion of the tree you leave behind.
- Select a tree shorter than **12-feet tall** and do not cut the tops out of larger trees.
- Do not cut within 100-feet of main roads, streams, or recreation sites.
- Securely attach your permit to your tree prior to hauling

## SAFETY TIPS

- Snow storms can arrive unexpectedly. Watch for weather and road condition changes.
- Tell a friend exactly where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Carry enough winter survival gear like food, blankets, water, all weather matches, and sleeping bags.

## CARING FOR YOUR TREE

- Upon returning home, keep your tree in a 50/60 sugar/water solution. Occasionally mist your tree with water.
- Locating your tree away from heat vents, fireplaces, & wood stoves will reduce fire hazard.

Please check with your local  
Ranger District for recommended  
Christmas Tree cutting areas



# Christmas Tree Permits



## SEASONS GREETINGS!

This holiday season, enjoy cutting your own Christmas tree on Forest Service lands with the purchase of a \$5.00 permit (maximum of three trees/permits per household).

Tree permits are available at any of the four Helena National Forest offices or any of these local area stores from Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

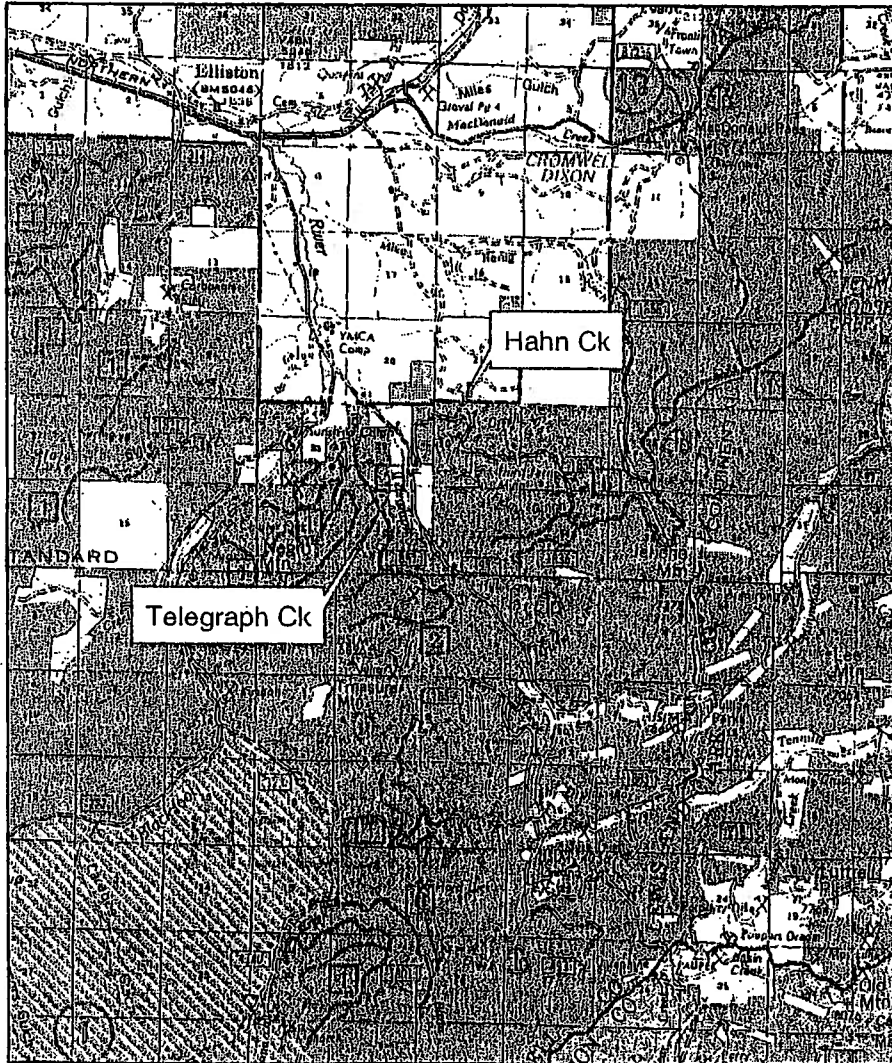
- Capital Sports & Western
- South's Country Store
- Broadwater Market
- Grizzly Hardware Store, Lincoln
- Rocky Mountain Supply, Townsend



## Suggested areas where you may find a Christmas tree

Hahn Creek has Douglas fir and lodgepole pine.  
Subalpine fir and spruce are more common in Telegraph Creek.

Most private property is fenced or signed,  
but be sure you harvest your tree on National Forest lands.



Dry Gulch has Douglas fir east of the road, Bull Run and Sweats Gulch  
are good places for ponderosa pine.

These areas are generally free of snow later in the season, however travel restrictions  
are in place in both Sweats and Bull Run Gulches

