

## No Cutting of Christmas Trees on Crown Land within the Chilliwack Forest District

The Chilliwack Forest District is unable to provide any permits to cut Christmas trees on Crown land for personal use within the district in 2006 for the following reasons:

- i) public demand for free Christmas tree harvest far exceeds the opportunities available,
- ii) legislative requirements specify that regenerating forests must not be damaged in order that they meet reforestation standards
- iii) areas that are not limited by these legislative requirements are not safe to access and/or the trees are of very poor quality and,
- iv) experience has shown that past permitting of free Christmas trees resulted in the majority of those trees being cut from areas outside the approved cutting area.

The Ministry of Forests and Range is asking the public to consider purchasing a tree from local vendors, listed at [www.bcchristmas trees.com](http://www.bcchristmas trees.com).

Unauthorized cutting of trees on Crown lands could result in seizure, fines and/or prosecution under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*.

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