



## ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY SILVICULTURE CRITERIA

### COMMERCIAL THINNING

*“A treatment to increase the diameter growth of residual trees, improve stand quality, and increase stand-level production by cutting excess and potential mortality trees without permanently breaking the crown canopy.”*

To be eligible for funding, the site must conform to the following criteria **prior to treatment**:

Crop Tree Species	<b>SW:</b> BS, RS, WS, NS, JP, RP, WP, BF, TL, EH, EC, SP <b>HW:</b> WAS, TA, LA, YB, WB, RM, SM, RO, BE, WE, BC, IW, BP
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**\*The Commercial Thinning Keys and Guides in the Forestry Field Handbook can be used to determine site suitability for commercial thinning treatment. Please contact the Association for a copy of the Keys and Guides if required.\***

To be eligible for funding, the **submitted** area must conform to the following criteria:

Crop Tree Species	<b>SW:</b> BS, RS, WS, NS, JP, RP, WP, BF, TL, EH, EC, SP <b>HW:</b> WAS, TA, LA, YB, WB, RM, SM, RO, BE, WE, BC, IW, BP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BF must constitute &lt; 50% of post-treatment BA</li> <li>▪ RM and poplar combined must constitute &lt; 25% of post-treatment BA</li> </ul>
Post-treatment basal area (BA)	<b>SW stands:</b> 16 – 30 m <sup>2</sup> /ha <b>HW stands:</b> 16 – 24 m <sup>2</sup> /ha

#### Rates

*Level 1*

**\$550/ha**

*Level 2*

**\$440/ha**

#### Note:

- This treatment may be combined with Crop Tree Pruning during the same year.
- A Pre- and Post-Treatment Assessment (PTA) is required. Supplementary rates are available to certified PTA assessors. Contact us for updated rates and criteria.
- Recommended min. diameter of stand (dbh) >14cm.