



**ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY**  
**SILVICULTURE CRITERIA 2020-21**

**PRE-COMMERCIAL THINNING - PLANTATIONS**

*“A treatment during the sapling stage to free selected planted or natural trees from competition of surrounding or overtopping trees, and to favor the trees of better species and quality.”*

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

Stocking of <i>Natural/Planted SW and HW</i> Crop Trees	>85% for natural and planted softwood species (at 2.4 x 2.4 m spacing)
Density of trees	>1500 SW and HW trees/ha
Height of Crop Trees	SW and HW: 2 m – 6 m
Crop Tree Species	<b>SW:</b> BS, RS, WS, JP, RP, WP, BF, TL, EH, EC, SP <b>HW:</b> WAS, TA, LA, YB, WB, RM, SM, RO, BE, WE, BC, IW, BP

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

Stocking of <i>Natural/Planted SW and HW</i> Crop Trees	>85% for natural and planted softwood species (at 2.4 x 2.4 m spacing)
Density of trees	1500 - 3500 SW and HW crop trees/ha
Height of Crop Trees	SW and HW: 2 m – 6 m
Crop Tree Species	<b>SW:</b> BS, RS, WS, JP, RP, WP, BF, TL, EH, EC, SP <b>HW:</b> WAS, TA, LA, YB, WB, RM, SM, RO, BE, WE, BC, IW, BP

Evidence of treatment over the entire site is required.

Trees > 0.5 m in height are considered competition and must be cut.

**Rates**

Density of Trees

6,000-14,000	<b>\$450/ha</b>
14,001-22,000	<b>\$700/ha</b>
22,001-39,000	<b>\$865/ha</b>
39,001+	<b>\$1050/ha*</b>

**NOTE:** Treatment area must retain post-thinning Criteria for a period of at least 18 months after treatment. **Pre-treatment density sheets must be submitted with claim.**

**\*High rates must be pre-approved.**

Sites must have land capability of  $\geq$ LC5 (better than average productivity).  
 [LC5 is a site with the capability of growing 5 m<sup>3</sup>/ha/yr]