



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	SW: BS, RS, WS, JP, RP, WP, BF, TL, EH, EC, SP HW: 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	SW: BS, RS, WS, JP, RP, WP, BF, TL, EH, EC, SP HW: 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	\$450/ha
14,001-22,000	\$700/ha
22,001-39,000	\$865/ha
39,001+	\$1050/ha*

NOTE: Treatment area must retain post-thinning Criteria for a period of at least 18 months after treatment. **Pre/ Post-treatment density forms 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 m³/ha/yr]