



ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY SILVICULTURE CRITERIA 2020-21

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

Rates

\$550/ha

\$590/ha (with PTA completed) *

*PTA is optional in jobs less than 5 ha

Note:

- This treatment may be combined with Crop Tree Pruning during the same year.
- A Pre-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.
- All ASF silviculture rates are subject to change without notice.