



## ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY SILVICULTURE CRITERIA

### PRE-COMMERCIAL THINNING – NATURAL (Category 5)

*“A treatment during the sapling stage to free selected trees from competition of surrounding or overtopping trees of comparable age, 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 SW</i> and <i>HW</i> Crop Trees	≥ 80 % (at 2.4 x 2.4 m spacing)
Density of Trees	≥ 6,000 / ha
Height of Crop Trees	<b>SW:</b> 2 m – 7 m <b>HW:</b> 6 m – 9 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 SW</i> and <i>HW</i> Crop Trees	≥ 80 % (at 2.4 x 2.4 m spacing)
Density of <i>Natural SW</i> and <i>HW</i> Crop Trees	1500/ha – 3500/ha
Height of Crop Trees	<b>SW:</b> 2 m – 7 m <b>HW:</b> 6 m – 9 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
Quality	• Trees ≥ 0.5 m in height are considered competition and must be cut.

### Rates

Density of Trees

25,000-39,000	<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 ≥LC5 (better than average productivity).  
[LC5 is a site with the capability of growing 5 m<sup>3</sup>/ha/yr]

All ASF silviculture rates are subject to change without notice.