



ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY SILVICULTURE CRITERIA

PRE-COMMERCIAL THINNING – NATURAL

“A treatment during the sapling stage to free selected trees from competition of surrounding or overtopping trees of comparable age, and to favour selected crop trees.”

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	>= 25,000/ha
Height of Crop Trees	SW: 2 m – 7 m HW: 6 m – 9 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 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	SW: 2 m – 7 m HW: 6 m – 9 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
Quality	• Trees >= 0.5 m in height are considered competition and must be cut.

Rates

Density of Trees

25,000-39,000	\$865/ha
39,001 +	\$1050/ha*

***High rate applications must be pre-approved by ASF prior to initiating work.**

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 the online claim.**

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]

All ASF silviculture rates are subject to change without notice.