



## ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY SILVICULTURE CRITERIA

### CROP TREE RELEASE (Category 7a)

*“A thinning technique used to promote the growth of selected high quality crop trees. Crop tree release increases the health and future value of a stand by concentrating growth on the most desirable trees.”*

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

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| Crop Tree Species      | <b>SW:</b> RS, RP, WP, EH<br><b>HW:</b> WAS, YB, SM, RO, WB, RM   |
| Selected Crop Trees    | Average diameter of crop trees must be >15cm DBH, with NO crop trees <10cm DBH  |
| Treatment Combinations | This treatment may be combined with Crop Tree Pruning (Category 7b) in the same year.<br><u>Caution:</u> Not all species eligible for Crop Tree Release are eligible for Crop Tree Pruning. |

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

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| Required Number of Crop Trees  | ≥125 Trees/ha  |
| Crop Tree Species              | <b>SW:</b> RS, RP, WP, EH<br><b>HW:</b> WAS, YB, SM, RO, WB, RM  |
| Post-treatment Basal Area (BA) | ≥15 m <sup>2</sup> /ha   |
| Selected Crop Trees            | Average diameter of crop trees must be >15cm DBH, with NO crop trees <10cm DBH   |
| Quality                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crop trees MUST be marked for identification</li> <li>• Crop trees must be released on at least 3 sides of the crown</li> <li>• Sprout or sucker origin trees are not eligible (qualifying trees must be seed origin).</li> </ul> |
| Claims                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted areas must conform to ASF Shapefile Standard</li> </ul>   |

**Rates**  
\$375/ha

**This treatment may be combined with Crop Tree Pruning during the same year.**

**All ASF Silviculture Rates are subject to change without notice.**