

ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY SILVICULTURE CRITERIA

SELECTION MANAGEMENT (Category 7c)

“The removal of trees individually or in small groups from an uneven-aged forest stand to strategically harvest wood, establish or develop new age classes, and improve stand quality.”

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

Stocking	>80% (at 2.4m x 2.4m spacing)
Crop Tree Species	Minimum basal area of 5m²/ha of the following species: SW: RS, WP, EH HW: WAS, YB, SM, RO, BE (Disease Free)
Stand Structure	There MUST be 3 or more height classes with a minimum height difference of 3m between classes, AND one height class must be greater than 10 m, AND one height class can be no less than 0.3m.
Limitations & Eligibility	Stands MUST qualify for Selection Management through the Keys and Guides in the SGEM (Silvicultural Guide for the Ecological Matrix) published by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources for stand eligibility. Contact the ASF for a copy of the Keys and Guides if required. https://www.asforestry.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/ASF-Silviculture-Assessments-Procedures-Manual-2015.pdf
Approval	Pre-treatment Assessment (PTA) is required for any stands > 5ha.

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

Stocking	>80% (at 2.4m x 2.4m spacing)
Crop Tree Species	Minimum basal area of 5m²/ha of the following species: SW: RS, WP, EH HW: WAS, YB, SM, RO, BE (Disease Free)
Post-treatment Basal Area (BA)	16 – 30 m ² /ha
Stand Structure	There MUST be 3 or more height classes with a minimum height difference of 3 m between classes, and one height class must be greater than 10 m, and one height class can be no less than 0.3m. Group (patch) selection claims are acceptable following SGEM recommendations for patch sizes and distribution, and retention. Strip Cuts are NOT ELIGIBLE.
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment area must retain post-treatment criteria for a period of at least 18 months after treatment. Evidence of treatment over entire area claimed is required. Evidence of wood removal is required for the initial claim.
Special Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW 3 – 7 m in height must be spaced to 2.1 m (7 ft) HW 6 – 9 m in height must be spaced to 2.4 m (8 ft) Understory thinning is not required in areas where there are not acceptable crop tree species or potential crop trees are identified as diseased or suppressed. This must be approved by the Coordinator of ASF.
Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted areas must conform to ASF Shapefile Standards. Evidence of recent (<2 years) activity required. Pre-treatment assessment for claims >5ha must be submitted with the claim.

Rates

First Entry:

\$550/ha (PTA optional for claims <5ha), or \$590/ha (With PTA completed and submitted with claim)

Subsequent entries may be claimed in 10-year increments.

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

Areas with Selection Management claims must remain in the category in perpetuity. Conversion to subsequent even-aged treatments can only occur if the area is released from selection management by the Department of Natural Resources.

All ASF Silviculture Rates are subject to change without notice.