

Practice: 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment

Scenario: #5 - High Density mech planting

Scenario Description:

This practice applies to forestlands that are being actively managed. Tree seedlings are planted after the site has been prepared for seedling establishment and growth. Forest site productivity is high or very high and dense planting is planned. Larger containerized seedlings are planted. Resource concerns addressed are degraded plant condition -- undesirable plant productivity and health, and inadequate structure and composition and degraded wildlife habitat. Terrain conditions allow for mechanical tree planting

Before Situation:

The land lacks forest cover and needs replanting, is stocked with the wrong tree species, or is a nonstocked field. Seedlings selected are appropriate for the site and site conditions. The main resource concerns are degraded plant condition and inadequate structure and composition. Competing vegetation is a before and after planting concern. Soil condition is degraded due to the loss organic matter in top soil. Tree seedlings with larger size root systems are planted to compete with other vegetation.

After Situation:

50 acres of land is established with permanent tree cover that will improve degraded plant condition, establish wildlife habitat, sequester atmospheric carbon. Establishing forest vegetation also creates corridors for wildlife movement. Actions should be planned with competing vegetation concerns.

Scenario Feature Measure: area of treatment

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 40

Scenario Cost: \$8,046.38

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$201.16

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Mechanical tree planter	1600	Mechanical tree planter. Requires a pulling unit of either tractor or small dozer depending upon site conditions. Does not include labor.	Hour	\$6.60	34	\$224.40
Dozer, 80 HP	929	Track mounted Dozer with horsepower range of 60 to 90. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$65.66	34	\$2,232.44
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$36.32	14	\$508.48
Labor						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$18.75	34	\$637.50
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$36.28	8	\$290.24
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12", Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hour	\$19.68	34	\$669.12
Materials						
Tree, conifer, seedling, bare root, 1-1	1513	Bare root conifer trees, 1-1 (2 years old). Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.13	24880	\$3,234.40
Mobilization						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	\$249.80	1	\$249.80

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Scenario: #6 - High Density-hand plant Conifer

Scenario Description:

This practice involves planting of tree seedlings after the site has been prepared for seedling growth and establishment. The productivity of the site is good and will handle a High density planting rate. Resource concerns addressed are degraded plant condition -- undesirable plant productivity and health, and inadequate structure and composition and degraded wildlife habitat. Terrain is moderate to steeply sloping, too steep to be planted with a mechanical tree planter so the area is hand planted.

Before Situation:

The land has a little/no tree cover, or is stocked with the wrong tree species. Competing vegetation is a before and after planting concern. Soil condition is degraded due to the loss of the native forest ecosystem (organic matter in top soil depleted). The main resource concerns are degraded plant condition and inadequate structure and composition

After Situation:

40 acres of land is established with permanent tree cover that will improve degraded plant condition, reduce soil erosion, establish wildlife habitat, sequester carbon and reduce invasive species presence. Establishing forest vegetation also creates corridors for wildlife movement.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of Treatment

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 40

Scenario Cost: \$6,364.80

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$159.12

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<i>Materials</i>						
Tree, conifer, seedling, containerized, 4 cu. in.	1516	Containerized conifer stock, 4 cubic inches (e.g., "4a" plug), 1.1" x 5.2". Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.26	24480	\$6,364.80

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Scenario: #8 - Hardwood Hand Planting-bare

Scenario Description:

Improving the hardwood forest setting by hand planting hardwood tree seedlings. Seedlings are protected from deer browsing. The number of trees to plant is lower than establishing a new forest. Resource concerns are degraded plant condition - undesirable productivity and health, and Inadequate structure and composition; inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife - habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

In an existing upland forest the present trees are poor quality, at low stocking levels, or are undesirable species. Existing conditions do not meet landowner objectives of growing high quality trees. Wildlife habitat is poor due to the above described conditions. Resource concerns are degrade plant condition - undesirable productivity and health, and Inadequate structure and composition; inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife - habitat degradation. Prior to planting any needed vegetation control will be conducted first.

After Situation:

The area of treatment is 10 acres. Bare root hardwood seedlings are planted by hand in the best locations for seedling survival. Solid tree tubes are installed to protect seedlings from animal browsing damage. Post planting vegetation control is planned to ensure seedling survival.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of Treatment

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 10

Scenario Cost: \$1,068.96

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$106.90

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$36.32	3	\$108.96
Materials						
Tree, hardwood, seedling or transplant, bare root, 6-18"	1509	Bare root hardwood trees 6-18" tall. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.32	3000	\$960.00

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Scenario: #9 - Hardwood Hand Planting-bare root-protected

Scenario Description:

Improving the hardwood forest setting by hand planting hardwood tree seedlings. Seedlings are protected from deer browsing. The number of trees to plant is lower than establishing a new forest. Resource concerns are degraded plant condition - undesirable productivity and health, and Inadequate structure and composition; inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife - habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

In an existing upland forest the present trees are poor quality, at low stocking levels, or are undesirable species. Existing conditions do not meet landowner objectives of growing high quality trees. Wildlife habitat is poor due to the above described conditions. Resource concerns are degrade plant condition - undesirable productivity and health, and Inadequate structure and composition; inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife - habitat degradation. Prior to planting any needed vegetation control will be conducted first.

After Situation:

The area of treatment is 10 acres. Bare root hardwood seedlings are planted by hand in the best locations for seedling survival. Solid tree tubes are installed to protect seedlings from animal browsing damage. Post planting vegetation control is planned to ensure seedling survival.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of Treatment

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 10

Scenario Cost: \$3,436.70

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$343.67

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$36.32	2	\$72.64
Labor						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$36.28	2	\$72.56
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$18.75	10	\$187.50
Materials						
Stakes, wood, 3/4" x 3/4" x 36"	1581	3/4" x 3/4" x 36" wood stakes to fasten items in place. Includes materials only.	Each	\$0.71	1940	\$1,377.40
Tree shelter, mesh tree tube, 24"	1555	24" tall vexar or other open weave tubular tree shelter to protect from animal damage. Materials only.	Each	\$0.52	1940	\$1,008.80
Cable ties, plastic	1575	Plastic cable ties (typ. 8-12") to assist in securing items. Materials only.	Each	\$0.05	1940	\$97.00
Tree, hardwood, seedling or transplant, bare root, 6-18"	1509	Bare root hardwood trees 6-18" tall. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.32	1940	\$620.80

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Scenario: #10 - Shrub Planting

Scenario Description:

Shrubs are planted to provide a more diverse habitat. Plantings are in either uplands or bottomlands. The site lacks ground level habitat structure and diversity for wildlife. Resource concern is inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife - habitat fragmentation.

Before Situation:

No shrubby vegetation, or very little, is present under the forest overstory. Wildlife species that need shrub cover are not present. An adequate stand of overstory trees is present, but it is a single level, not multi-level.

After Situation:

A 10 acre area is planted with shrubs. Shrubs are not planted over the entire 10 acres. They are planted in groups or motts. The motts, more or less circular in shape, are 50 feet in diameter, with 50 shrubs planted within each mott. 4 motts are planted per acre for a total of 200 shrubs per acre. Motts are randomly established to take advantage of site conditions and shrub species being planted.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of Treatment

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 10

Scenario Cost: \$1,426.40

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$142.64

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Hand tools, tree planting	1590	Various hand tools for digging holes and planting trees such as augers, dibble bars, planting shovel, hoe-dad. Equipment only. Labor not included.	Hour	\$11.62	10	\$116.20
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$36.32	2	\$72.64
Labor						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$36.28	2	\$72.56
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$18.75	12	\$225.00
Materials						
Shrub, seedling or transplant, bare root, 6-18"	1506	Bare root hardwood trees 6-18" tall. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.47	2000	\$940.00