

Practice: 660 - Tree/Shrub Pruning

Scenario: #1 - Pruning, fire hazard

Scenario Description:

Pruning trees of branches in a forest stand where wildfires are considered a high and very high hazard. Hand tools and power tools are used to cut branches from trees. Resource concerns include Degraded plant condition-Wildfire hazard and Undesirable plant productivity and health.

Before Situation:

The forest stand is well to over-stocked, generally with 200 to 300+ trees per acre. Branches are touching understory vegetation or are in close proximity to forest floor where a ground fire can ignite the lower branches and move into the upper canopy. Wildfire hazard is very high.

After Situation:

The typical forest pruning treatment is 20 acres. Trees are pruned to the desirable height (generally 8-10') based on desired separation space between ground vegetation and tree crown. Pruned branches are treated if they are a hazard, see Woody Residue Treatment standard.

Scenario Feature Measure: area of treatment

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 20

Scenario Cost: \$2,090.30

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$104.52

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Pruning tools, hand tools	1318	Pruning tools, hand tools, shears, loppers, pole saw, handsaw. Material costs only. Labor not included.	Hour	\$4.77	20	\$95.40
Chainsaw	937	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$6.55	30	\$196.50
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	\$37.49	32	\$1,199.68
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	\$18.71	32	\$598.72

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Scenario: #2 - Pruning, wildlife

Scenario Description:

Pruning of hard/soft mast trees and shrubs to stimulate increased fruit/nut production for wildlife food. Primarily done around old agricultural fields, in old orchards, and in forested areas. Usually done with a chainsaw or handsaw to open the canopy and remove dead branches to increase airflow and sunlight penetration. Resource concerns are inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife - habitat degradation and plant condition- undesirable plant productivity and health.

Before Situation:

Trees have reduced mast production due to tree reaching maturity or heavy shade. Pruning is needed to remove older branches, dead material and increase sunlight into the canopy. New branching will be stimulated, increasing mast production.

After Situation:

Selected trees (10 per acre) are re-invigorated with new branching and an increase in mast production.

Scenario Feature Measure: area of treatment

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 2

Scenario Cost: \$144.06

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$72.03

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Pruning tool, pole saw	1319	Gasoline powered pole chainsaw. Labor not included.	Hour	\$8.03	0.5	\$4.02
Pruning tools, hand tools	1318	Pruning tools, hand tools, shears, loppers, pole saw, handsaw. Material costs only. Labor not included.	Hour	\$4.77	0.5	\$2.38
Chainsaw	937	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$6.55	1	\$6.55
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	\$37.49	2	\$74.98
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	\$18.71	3	\$56.13