

**Practice: 666 - Forest Stand Improvement**

**Scenario: #1 - Pre-commercial Thinning, Hand tools**

**Scenario Description:**

Adjusting the stocking of a young, non-merchantable stand of trees. The operation is carried out using hand tools such as chainsaws. Resource concerns include Undesirable plant productivity and health; Wildlife habitat degradation; Wildfire hazard; and Inadequate structure and composition.

**Before Situation:**

The stocking of a stand of trees that are too small to make a commercial thinning exceeds the recommended fully stocked level for the species and site. The effect is much slower growth than is reasonable or expected for the site, increased susceptibility to insects and disease, and an unacceptable devastating wildfire risk.

**After Situation:**

After adjusting the stocking to an acceptable level, stand growth, condition, and overall quality is improved. In addition, wildlife habitat is improved with the resulting increase of sunlight reaching the forest floor.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Area treated

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 20

**Scenario Cost:** \$3,005.50

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$150.28

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$37.24	12.5	\$465.50
Chainsaw	937	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$6.31	100	\$631.00
<b>Labor</b>						
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	\$19.09	100	\$1,909.00

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**Scenario: #2 - Chemical, Ground**

**Scenario Description:**

Using ground applied chemicals to release young desirable trees from competing and/or overtopping vegetation. Resource concerns include: Undesirable plant productivity and health, and Wildlife habitat degradation.

**Before Situation:**

An adequately stocked stand of desirable species and trees is not growing to its potential for the site due to severe competition from undesirable trees and brush. Releasing the desirable trees from the competition will be achieved through the application of appropriate herbicides according to label directions. Application will be by ground equipment as an over-the-top spray.

**After Situation:**

The released stand of trees contains the composition and quality needed to meet the landowner's objectives and address the resource concerns.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Acres treated

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 40

**Scenario Cost:** \$2,120.88

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$53.02

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Chemical, ground application	948	Chemical application performed by ground equipment. Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Acre	\$5.82	40	\$232.80
<b>Labor</b>						
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	\$38.32	4	\$153.28
<b>Materials</b>						
Herbicide, Surfactant	1095	Surfactants reduce the surface tension of water to produce more uniform coverage and penetration of herbicides, and weed killers. Paraffin Based Petroleum Surfactant. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shi	Acre	\$1.34	40	\$53.60
Herbicide, Imazapyr	336	Pre and post-emergent, non-selective herbicide for control of undesirable vegetation in non-crop areas. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$42.03	40	\$1,681.20

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**Scenario: #3 - Chemical, Aerial**

**Scenario Description:**

Using aerially applied chemicals to release desirable trees from competing and/or overtopping vegetation. Resource concerns include: Undesirable plant productivity and health, and Wildlife habitat degradation.

**Before Situation:**

An adequately stocked stand of desirable species and trees is not growing to its potential for the site due to severe competition from undesirable trees and brush. Releasing the desirable trees from the competition will be achieved through the application of appropriate herbicides according to label directions. Application will be by helicopter as an over-the-top spray. The work will be professionally planned and supervised.

**After Situation:**

The released stand of trees contains the composition and quality needed to meet the landowner's objectives and address the resource concerns.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Area treated

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 40

**Scenario Cost:** \$3,232.16

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$80.80

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Chemical, aerial application, helicopter	1991	Chemical application performed by helicopter on forest only. Includes equipment, mobilization, and labor.	Acre	\$29.77	40	\$1,190.80
<b>Labor</b>						
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	\$38.32	8	\$306.56
<b>Materials</b>						
Herbicide, Surfactant	1095	Surfactants reduce the surface tension of water to produce more uniform coverage and penetration of herbicides, and weed killers. Paraffin Based Petroleum Surfactant. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shi	Acre	\$1.34	40	\$53.60
Herbicide, Imazapyr	336	Pre and post-emergent, non-selective herbicide for control of undesirable vegetation in non-crop areas. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$42.03	40	\$1,681.20

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**Scenario: #4 - Competition Control, Mechanical, Light Equipment**

**Scenario Description:**

Using light equipment such as a tractor with brush hog to control vegetation that is competing with desirable trees and species or to reduce the stocking level of a stand of desirable trees. Resource concerns include Undesirable plant productivity and health; Wildlife habitat degradation; Wildfire hazard; and Inadequate structure and composition.

**Before Situation:**

A stand of young, desirable trees is adversely affected by competition either from undesirable species or because the stand is overstocked. The vegetation to be controlled is small enough that it can be mowed or shredded. The work can be done by mowing or shredding strips through the stand, mowing between planted rows, etc.

**After Situation:**

After adjusting the stocking to an acceptable level and/or controlling the competing vegetation, stand growth, condition, and overall quality is improved. In addition, wildlife habitat is improved with the resulting increase of sunlight reaching the forest floor.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Area Treated

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 10

**Scenario Cost:** \$991.82

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$99.18

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Mower, Bush Hog	940	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$50.89	10	\$508.90
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$37.24	2	\$74.48
<b>Labor</b>						
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12", Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hour	\$23.47	10	\$234.70
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, small equipment	1138	Equipment <70 HP but can't be transported by a pick-up truck or with typical weights between 3,500 to 14,000 pounds.	Each	\$173.74	1	\$173.74

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**Scenario: #5 - Competition Control, Mechanical, Heavy Equipment**

**Scenario Description:**

Using equipment such as a masticator or mulcher to control vegetation that is competing with desirable trees and species or to reduce the stocking level of a stand of desirable trees. The trees to be retained will be marked by a consultant. Resource concerns include Undesirable plant productivity and health; Wildlife habitat degradation; Wildfire hazard; and Inadequate structure and composition.

**Before Situation:**

A stand of desirable trees is adversely affected by competition either from undesirable species, cull trees, or because the stand is overstocked. The vegetation to be controlled is too large to be mowed or shredded. Therefore other mechanical methods such as using masticators or mulchers is necessary.

**After Situation:**

The released stand of trees contains the composition and quality needed to meet the landowner's objectives and address the resource concerns.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Area treated

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 10

**Scenario Cost:** \$3,512.00

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$351.20

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Mechanical cutter, chopper	943	Masticator, flail shredder, hydro axe, brush cutter, etc. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$128.68	16	\$2,058.88
<b>Labor</b>						
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12", Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hour	\$23.47	16	\$375.52
Specialist Labor	235	Labor requiring a specialized skill set: Includes Agronomists, Foresters, Biologists, etc. to provide additional technical information during the planning and implementation of the practice. Does not include NRCS or TSP services.	Hour	\$102.41	8	\$819.28
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	\$258.32	1	\$258.32

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**Scenario: #6 - Thinning for Health and Wildlife**

**Scenario Description:**

A combination of hand and chemical treatments used to open the canopy of a stand to improve the wildlife habitat and tree health. Resource concerns include: Inadequate structure and composition, Undesirable plant productivity and health, and Habitat degradation.

**Before Situation:**

The stand of mature trees is overstocked resulting in a closed canopy. This condition is causing a lack of structure, herbaceous layer, and diversity that is needed to meet the landowner's objectives for improved wildlife habitat and forest health. Under the supervision of a consultant forester, it will be marked for thinning and timber stand improvement applications that will include cutting with hand tools (chainsaws) and injection. Costs involved in any commercial harvesting including marking, access, and transportation are not included in this scenario. However the costs involved in marking trees to be treated or left and supervising the TSI work is included.

**After Situation:**

The stand is treated to favor diversity of important commercial and wildlife species. The canopy is opened to the extent necessary to promote herbaceous growth and the work is performed without excessive damage to the residual trees and site.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Acres treated

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 10

**Scenario Cost:** \$3,202.84

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$320.28

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Chemical, spot treatment, single stem application	964	Ground applied chemical to individual plants or group of plants, e.g., backpack sprayer treatment. Equipment and labor cost included.	Hour	\$56.71	20	\$1,134.20
Chainsaw	937	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$6.31	20	\$126.20
All terrain vehicles, ATV	965	Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Hour	\$30.77	8	\$246.16
<b>Labor</b>						
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	\$19.09	20	\$381.80
Specialist Labor	235	Labor requiring a specialized skill set: Includes Agronomists, Foresters, Biologists, etc. to provide additional technical information during the planning and implementation of the practice. Does not include NRCS or TSP services.	Hour	\$102.41	8	\$819.28
<b>Materials</b>						
Herbicide, Triazine	1321	Broad spectrum herbicide. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$43.33	10	\$433.30
Tree Marking Paint	313	Trees to be cut through tree marking are physically identified through the application of paint on the tree. Typically one quart of paint is used to mark one acre of trees. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$6.19	10	\$61.90