

Carbon Stewardship Program Practice Rates		Base Rate
Thinning:		Per Acre
	Thinning- Medium (up to 59 ft ² BA/acre removed)	\$1,158.50
	Thinning- Heavy (60+ ft ² BA/acre removed)	\$1,316.50
Slash management:		Per Acre
	Lop and Scatter Slash Treatment - <12 "	\$360.00
	Lop and Scatter Slash Treatment - 12-24 "	\$500.00
	Lop and Scatter Slash Treatment- >24"	\$580.00
	Piling-- Medium	\$500.00
	Piling-- Heavy	\$810.00
	Chipping	\$585.00
	Mastication- Medium	\$780.00
	Mastication- Heavy	\$1,040.00
Prescribed (RX) Fire:		Per Acre
	Slash Pile Burning	\$325.00
	Broadcast Burning	\$130.00
	Additional Broadcast Premiums:	Per Foot
	• Fire Line Construction (hand)	\$1.00
	• Fire Line Construction (manual)	\$0.50
	• Cup trenching required	\$0.50
Post-Fire Practices		Per Acre
	Mulch application (may be combined with Mastication from above)	\$285.00
	Log Erosion Barriers	\$2,500.00
	Seeding	\$320.00
Site Prep:		
	• Vegetation control	\$250.00
	• Ground roughening/ scarification	\$300.00
	• Debris manipulation	\$258.00
	Reforestation (Acre equivalent = average of 200 TPA)*	\$700.00
	Seedling Protection & Maintenance	\$450.00
<i>*Rate is based on an assumed density of 200 trees per acre. Lower densities may be reimbursed at a proportionally reduced cost; higher-density plantings are not eligible for higher rates.</i>		
Compensation Payment		% of payment
	Compensation Payment- small acreage (<15 acres)	15%
	Compensation Payment- large acreage (>15 acres)	10%



Premiums for Challenging Conditions:

In addition to base rates, premiums may be applied to account for difficult operating conditions. Premium levels vary by practice and must be confirmed by NMFD staff.

Challenge Levels and Premiums:

Forest Treatment Challenge	Level A (Normal)	Level B (Moderately Difficult)	Level C (Very Difficult)	Practices Applied
Slope	Up to 10%	10–25%	Above 25%	All practices
Surface Rock	Up to 25% of surface area	25–50% of surface area	Above 50% of surface area	Thinning, slash management, prescribed fire
Small Acreage	>100 acres	< 100 acres, >50 acres	< 50 acres	Prescribed fire
Accessibility	Site accessible from road	Remote or difficult access	—	Post-fire practices

Premium Amounts:

Challenge Level	Premium Increase
Level A	0%
Level B	15%
Level C	30%

Multiple-Challenge Premiums:

- 30% premium may also apply when a project has two or more Level B challenges.
- 45% premium may apply when a project has two or more Level C challenges or three or more Level B challenges.

Disclaimer: Rates represent the maximum allowable compensation. Landowner reimbursements are capped at the lower of the established rates or the actual expenses incurred, as documented by invoices.

