

Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program

Project Plan and Application for 2023 Funding

Funding associated with USDA Forest Service grant: 23-DG-11083105-004



FORESTRY DIVISION

Landowner:	<input type="text"/>	Practice:	<input type="text"/>
County:	<input type="text"/>	Forestry Division Personnel Name:	<input type="text"/>

The purpose of this plan is to achieve two main objectives: 1) provide sound forest management recommendations that will enable you to maintain a profitable and sustainable stand of timber and 2) effectively manage the hazard and spread of southern pine beetle and Ips bark beetles by putting an increased emphasis on a proactive approach. Thinning is known to effectively lower the risk of pine bark beetle infestations.

Thank you for allowing the Arkansas Department of Agriculture - Forestry Division (Division) to assist in the management of your property. The Division must review the program information below with the Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program (SPBPP) applicant.

Both parties understand and agree that:

- Participants in the SPBPP projects must:
 - Be eligible landowners— non-industrial private landowners, groups, small corporations, part-time forest product manufacturers,
 - Have at least 10 contiguous acres of pine, and
 - For thinning practices, have an estimated stand-wide basal area of greater than 120 feet squared per acre of pine.
- Any thinning done prior to approval of this SPBPP Application will **not** be eligible for cost share.
- In the event the U. S. Forest Service or Congress shall fail to appropriate adequate funds for the continuance of this program, then this agreement and all the responsibilities of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture – Forestry Division herein shall cease.

Division Obligations

- Ensure that all pages of this **SPBPP Project Plan and Application** is properly completed and signed.
- New Requirement!!** A timber sale agreement will be required for thinning practices before an application will be approved. The agreement should have the landowner and logger names, acres of harvest, and a length of the contract (i.e., a completion date).
- Ensure that a **W-9 Form** is properly completed with landowner’s Social Security Number or Federal Employee Identification Number listed along with the landowner’s signature.
 - Determine payment division/percentage if there is more than one landowner involved, such as family co-owners. If more than one payment is to be made, ensure that all intended recipients have completed a W-9 Form.
- Visit the property upon completion of the project to conduct a final assessment and to finish the SPBPP Project Completion Summary.** After the site visit, this completed SPBPP Project Plan and Application, thinning agreement, SPBPP Project Completion Summary, W-9, and any paperwork that documents project expenses (such as invoices) will be sent to the SPBPP Program Manager in Little Rock. When received, the reimbursement will be made in the form of a check mailed to the landowner.

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Applicant Landowner Information

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Street Address _____ Apartment/Unit # _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

County: _____ District: _____ GPS Location (in decimal degrees): _____

Applicant Landowner Conditions

1. Inform the Division in advance of when the project will start and agree to complete the project by **June 1, 2026**. After this deadline, the Division reserves the right to cancel the project’s cost share allocation.
2. Notify the Division of progress on this project, including scheduled harvesting activities and practice completion.
3. Must be the legal owner or have the power of attorney of the property where practices will be performed and must assume responsibility for boundaries of the parcel where service work is to be performed.
4. Give the Division the right to enter the property for inspecting before and after completion of the project.
5. Provide documentation requested by the Division, e.g. invoices, cancelled checks, or mill receipts.

I have read and comply with the above conditions: _____
Landowner Signature

Cost Share Allocation (To Be Completed Only by the Forestry Division)

The following is the practice and cost share requested by the Forestry Division (See SPBPP Guidelines for rates):

Practice:	Requested Acres:	Incentive Rate (or NTE Rate):	Cost Share Requested:
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Logger Incentive (allowable for FCT and chipping with 40 acres or less): \$ _____

Allocation Approval (To Be Completed Only by SPBPP Program Manager)

The above project is approved and, if properly carried out according to the SPBPP Description & Plan, will qualify for cost share payments offered by the Forestry Division through the program.

SPBPP Program Manager: _____

Date: _____

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Project Description and Plan

Please attach a printed map of the tract via FARS – Fire & Activity Reporting System

SPBPP Practice Recommendation:

Pine BA (ft² per acre) Prior to Project: Recommended BA:

Recommended BMPs:

Other Forest Management Considerations (include recommendations for non-commercial thinning or burning here):

Consulting Forester (leave blank if not determined):

Address:
Street Address *Apartment/Unit #*

City *State* *ZIP Code*

Logger (Required for thinning practices): **Contract Period:**

Address:
Street Address *Apartment/Unit #*

City *State* *ZIP Code*

Application and Plan Prepared By: Title: Date:

Approval if the above plan was not prepared by a Registered Forester:

Forester: Title: Date: