



SPB Case Number³ _____

County _____

Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program
Application for Cost-Share for First Thinning of Pine Stand

Applicant Information

Name _____ Mailing Address _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____ Latitude (DD) _____ Longitude (DD) _____

TFS Forester Name: _____

Consulting Forester¹ Name and Contact Info (If Involved): _____

Applicant Request

I hereby request federal cost-share funds for treatment(s) listed below:

Total Acres Owned (Statewide) _____ Total Tract Acres _____ Total Acres to be Treated _____

Is Property Owned by Partnership/Trust: _____ Yes _____ No

Total Cost-Share Requested for Thinning (\$50/Acre) ² \$ _____

Consulting Forester Fee (If Involved) \$ _____ (50% of consulting fee, not to exceed \$5/acre)

Applicant Signature

Date

TFS Forester Signature

Date

Program Manager Signature

Date Application Approved

Expiration Notice

All Treatments Must Have Begun by or be Completed by: _____

Expiration Date³

Applicant's Certificate of Completion

I hereby apply for cost-share funds for the treatment(s) verified by the TFS Forester as completed and I certify that the cost and/or tonnage reports submitted are true and correct.

Applicant Signature Upon Completion

Date

Completion Summary

Date Operation Completed: _____ Date of Site Visit: _____ Acres Approved: _____

Acres Treated: _____ Completed BA: _____ Tons of Pulpwood Removed⁴: _____

TFS Forester Signature Upon Completion

Date

This Section to be Completed by Program Manager

Cost-Share Payment Summary

Thinning Cost-Share (\$50/acre): \$ _____

Consulting Forester Cost-Share (50% of consulting fee, not to exceed \$5/acre): \$ _____

Total Cost-Share Due (not to exceed \$5,000/landowner): \$ _____

Project Manager Signature

Date Approved for Payment

All applications must be submitted through the local Texas A&M Forest Service office prior to submitting to the program manager:

**Allen Smith
Program Manager
Texas A&M Forest Service
PO Box 9533
Longview, Texas 75608**

¹ Consulting forester must be a degreed professional forester and/or carry credentials such as TFA Accredited Forester, SAF Certified Forester or ACF member/Must be designated at the time of approval

² Total Cost-Share funds including consulting forester fee cannot exceed \$5,000 per landowner per fiscal year (e.g. October 1 – September 30)

³ To be completed by Program Manager

⁴ Scale tickets, summary load sheet or letter from Consulting Forester must be submitted to verify tonnage

removed



Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program
Treatment Plan

Applicant Information

Name _____ County _____ Lat/Long (DD) _____

General Location: _____
(Attach location map and property map with treatment area delineated)

TFS Forester Name: _____ Consulting Forester¹ Name: _____

Stand Description

Total Acres to be Treated _____

Predominant Species: _____ Percent (%) Pine: _____ Stand Age: _____

Average Tree Height (ft.): _____ Average DBH (in.): _____

Basal Area Before Thinning (sq. ft./ac): _____ Target Basal Area After Thinning (sq. ft./ac): _____

Hazard Rating of Stand (See TFS Hazard Rating Map):

Extreme High Moderate Low Very Low Unknown

Landform: Bottomland/Flatwoods Side Slope Upland/Ridge

Description of Proposed Treatment and Method (*All Texas Best Management Practices for Silvicultural Operations Must be Followed*):

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**SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION PROGRAM
TERMS & CONDITIONS**

In consideration of the benefits that accrue to me by participating in the Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program, otherwise known as SPBPP, I agree to the following terms and conditions in favor of the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):

1. I certify that I am the legal owner, or have legal authority to act in the legal owner's behalf, of the land described on the reverse side of this application. I further certify that I am applying as a non-industrial private forest landowner, which means any private individual, group, association, corporation, Indian tribe or other native group, or other private legal entity, but excluding corporations whose stocks are publicly traded or legal entities principally engaged in the processing or manufacturing of wood products. I further certify that I own, or have legal authority to act in the legal owner's behalf, a minimum of 10 acres of land that may be susceptible to southern pine beetle infestation.
2. I understand that the maximum payment for all combined practices is \$5,000 per landowner per fiscal year. I understand that the minimum project size is 10 acres for all silvicultural practices.
3. I agree to provide the TFS with all documentation, in writing, detailing my expense incurred when my practice is complete. I further understand that my cost share will not be processed until the full completion of all components of my practice is verified by TFS.
4. I agree to install this practice according to the specifications set forth within the SPBPP Treatment Plan that will be provided to me by TFS or consulting forester and to assure that the thinning operation is carried out following the state's guidelines for "Best Management Practices." I further agree to maintain the practice for a period of five (5) years following approved treatment.
5. I agree to notify TFS when I have completed installation of all cost-shared practices, TFS will determine all installed practices were done to program/guideline standards and this will be the basis for my receipt of cost shares duly earned.
6. I agree to refund all or a prorated portion of the cost-share assistance paid to me, if, before the expiration of the above practice maintenance period, I: (a) destroy the practice or otherwise fail to maintain the practice or (b) voluntarily relinquish control or title to the land and the new owner or operator of the land does not agree, in writing, to be bound by all terms and conditions of this application for the remainder of the five (5) year period. This section shall not preclude any additional penalty or liability otherwise enforceable by law.
7. I understand that where practice establishment does not meet the minimum specifications due to factors beyond my control, the TFS may approve cost-share payment provided the TFS is satisfied that a reasonable effort was made to meet the minimum practice requirements; and the practice, as performed, adequately meets the intent, purpose, and objectives of the program.

8. If any owner, successor, or assignee uses any scheme or device to unjustly or illegally benefit from this program, the financial assistance funds shall be withheld or a refund of all or part of any program payments otherwise due or paid to that person shall be made. A scheme or device includes, but is not limited to, coercion, collusion, fraud or misrepresentation, false claims, or any business dissolution, reorganization, revival, or other legal mechanism designed for, or having the effect of, evading the requirements of SPBPP.

9. If any owner or successor takes any action or fails to take action, which results in the destruction or impairment of a prescribed practice for the duration of the practice, cost share payments shall be withheld or a refund of all or part of any SPBPP payments otherwise due shall be made based on the extent and effect of destruction and impairment.

I have read, understand, and agree to all terms and conditions in this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____