



Funding Connector: *Financial Assistance for Land Stewardship in Texas*
Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program

Organization

Texas A&M Forest Service

Description

The program provides cost shares for thinning pine stands to reduce Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) hazard. Cost-share applications must be received by February 1, 2023. Contact your local TFS office for more details or Allen Smith, Program Manager lasmith@tfs.tamu.edu, 903-297-5094 for more information.

Link to Webpage

<https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/SouthernPineBeetlePreventionCostShareProgram/>

Project Area

All counties in east Texas are eligible but priority will be given to stands in the following 21 counties: Angelina, Cass, Cherokee, Hardin, Harrison, Houston, Jasper, Liberty, Marion, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler and Walker

Practices

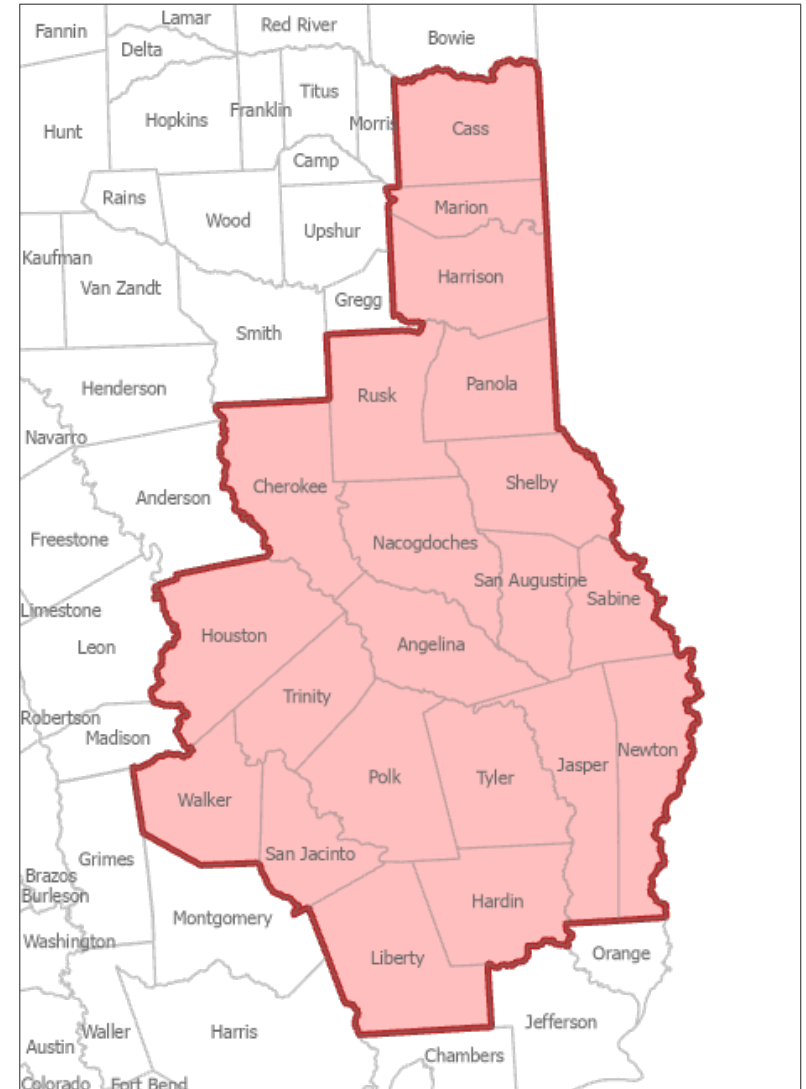
Thinning

Financial Assistance

- \$50/acre for both individual and partnership/trust ownerships
- 50% of costs of services provided by private consulting forester, not to exceed \$5/acre
- Maximum cost share allowed per federal fiscal year (October 1 - September 30) is \$5,000 for all approved cases

Eligibility

- Must own a minimum of 10 contiguous acres of pine species (e.g. loblolly, longleaf, shortleaf, etc.)
- Stand must be a minimum of 120 sqft basal area



- Stand must be a minimum of 70% pine
- Priority will be given to stands within one of 21 priority counties which include: Angelina, Cass, Cherokee, Hardin, Harrison, Houston, Jasper, Liberty, Marion, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler and Walker
- Stand must be thinned to 80 sqft basal area or less
- Treatment must be completed within 14 months of application approval date
 - Thinning treatment cannot begin until after approval of application