

**Colorado State Forest Service
Landowner Assistance Program (LOA-9)
Fire and Catastrophic Risk Reduction**

Purpose

Establishment of practices primarily to reduce the risk from wildfire and other catastrophic natural events. Practices should reduce the intensity of wildfire should it occur. Practices can increase the potential for defensibility of structures in the event of wildfire.

Eligible Components

The list below contains each component and its respective cost-share amount. These amounts are not to exceed 50% of actual cost, with total cost-share not to exceed \$1,000 per acre (defensible space cannot exceed \$1200 per home site)

Practice

Maximum Cost-Share

6.302 Defensible Space

\$1,200.00 per home site. This include tree cutting, pruning and slash disposal

Removal of both horizontal and vertical fuel hazards around a home

Forest Stand Improvement - Thinning

\$500.00 per acre

Treatment made to reduce forest density, decreasing heavier fuels, enhancing growth and improving forest health

Tree/Shrub Pruning

\$75.00 per acre

Removal of branches from a standing tree to remove vertical fuel continuity

Prescribed Burning (interface broadcast burn)

\$200.00 per acre

A planned fire within well-defined boundaries to reduce hazardous fuel loading

Slash Disposal

The removal/treatment of treetops and branches after forest management activities. Include one method.

Pile burning

\$100.00 per acre

Chipping

\$300.00 per acre

Hauling

\$300.00 per acre

Brush Management (chemical)

\$100.00 per acre

Chemical application on certain plant species which tend to re-sprout after thinning treatments

Fuelbreak

\$1,000.00 per acre. This includes tree cutting, pruning and slash disposal

A wide strip of land, usually 132'-198' wide, on which vegetation has been removed or reduced

Cost-share Requirements

- Expenses incurred prior to approval of application will not be reimbursed unless agreed upon by a CSFS forester.
- An application must be submitted and approved by a CSFS forester
- A management plan is required to be eligible for cost-share (Form B).
- Use \$19.51 per hour for reimbursement if the landowner is doing the work.
- Practice must be maintained for a minimum of 10 years.
- Chemicals used must be Federally, State and locally registered, and be applied according to registered uses, label directions and other federal or State policies and requirements.
- Prescribed burning will be performed in accordance with State and local laws and regulations.
- The value of wood products generated from forest improvement activities must be deducted from total project cost to determine actual landowner cost. Cost-share payments are based on 50% of actual cost.
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