



PLT13 - Montana Supplement – REVISED 4/20/2011

Forest Stand Improvement for Wildfire Reduction – (Plant Enhancement Activity)

Montana Clarification

No additional clarification other than as described in the national enhancement.

Montana Specifications

- For Firebreaks:
 - Locate along travel corridors, near ridge crests and valley bottoms.
 - Use barriers such as streams, lakes, ponds, rock cliffs, roads, field borders, skid trails, landings, irrigation canals, railroads, utility right-of-ways, cultivated land or others areas to improve the firebreak effectiveness.
 - Locate on the contour to minimize risk of soil erosion.
 - Firebreaks will be a single bare ground strip or two bare ground strips with a mowed strip in between.
 - Width will be a minimum of 50 feet and a maximum of 200 feet.
 - Mow, disk, or graze vegetative firebreaks to avoid a build-up of excess litter and to control weeds.
- For Fuel Breaks:
 - Locate near ridge crests, valley bottoms and in ways to minimize risk to resources and structures being protected.
 - Minimum width will be 150 feet and maybe wider if desired, depending on fuel, aspect and topography.
 - Remove all (>5”) standing or downed (not embedded) dead woody material.
 - Create a 20 feet crown separation between live trees.
 - Remove, pile and burn, or chip all cut and dead woody material.
 - Annually maintain treatments within the fuel break area.
 - For treatment around structures refer to Montana Fuel Break (383B) specifications.
- Fuel Level Scouting Plan:
 - Conducted during the fire season.
 - Identifies on a map where fuel levels are high.
- Wildfire Management Plan(consists of):
 - Plan map with location of firebreaks, fuel breaks, water sources, and access roads;
 - Fuel level scouting report;
 - Critical contact information to provide assistance for wildfires.

Incompatible Enhancements

This enhancement may not be contracted with the following enhancements:

For forest: ANM22, ANM29, ANM30, SOE03

Eligible Land

Forest land

Applicable Amount

Total acres of forestland recommended for prescribed burn.

Example (System)

The participant has 800 acres of non-industrial private forest land. He/she is willing to incorporate this enhancement to approach wildfire management by establishing fires lines (where appropriate and applicable), fuel breaks (where appropriate and applicable), develop an approved fire plan which would include plant to maintain critical access roads, scouting, access control, identification of water sources, critical contracts, training and posting of plans and phone numbers for the entire operation. The applicable acres would be 800 and the applied acres would be 800. Beginning in year one, the plan would appear in Toolkit as:

| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
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| PLT13 | 800.0 ac | 800 ac | 800 ac | 800 ac | 800 ac |

Documentation Requirements

1. Wildfire management plan
2. Fuel level scouting reports
3. Plan map

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all that is required for the implementation of this CSP Enhancement Activity.

Contract participant

Date