

FY 2016 Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program
Eligibility Criteria

Funding is being provided by USDA Forest Service through the Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Partnership and is only available to non-industrial landowners who own forestland in Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto and Walker counties surrounding the Sam Houston National Forest.

Completed application and treatment plan, all applicable maps, W-9 tax form and terms and conditions should be submitted for approval to the address below. Please ensure that all forms are filled out completely and correctly and that all appropriate parties have signed and dated the proper forms.

JCLRP SPB Program Manager
c/o: Shane Harrington
200 Technology Way, Ste. 1281
College Station, TX 77845
(979) 458-6650

Eligibility Criteria

- 1) Must own a minimum of 10 contiguous acres of pine species (e.g. loblolly, longleaf, shortleaf, etc.)
- 2) Stand must be a minimum of 120 sq. ft. basal area
- 3) Stand must be a minimum of 70% pine
- 4) Proposed stand must be located within one of 5 priority counties which include: **Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Walker**
- 5) Stand must be thinned to 80 sq. ft. basal area or less

FY 2015 Cost Share Rates

- 1) \$50/acre for both individual and partnership/trust ownerships
- 2) 50% of costs of services provided by private consulting forester, not to exceed \$5/acre
- 3) Maximum cost-share allowed is \$5,000 for all approved cases

Upon Completion of approved/funded treatments, TFS will visit the site to verify the treatment has been implemented to program standards. The TFS forester will submit a completion summary which includes the completion date, tons of pulpwood removed (copy of mill receipts will be needed to verify the amount and product removed from site) and landowner's signature verifying the completion of the treatment. If a consulting forester is involved and cost-share funds are being requested a receipt showing the amount paid to the consulting forester should be included with the completion summary. The completion summary will be submitted to the Program Manager at the address above for review and processing for payment.

If you have any questions, please contact Shane Harrington, Project Manager, College Station, TX, (979) 458-6650, sharrington@tfs.tamu.edu.

This program does not replace the standard Texas A&M Forest Service Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Financial Assistance Program that is offered each year. This special funding is being offered in addition to the standard program.