

Defensible Space Cost Share Practices

Defensible Space – thinning, pruning, and fuels removal as prescribes by Defensible Space Plan, in a circular area not less than 100’ from the exterior of a residence or business structure. All trees, shrubs, and down wood, as described by the Defensible Space Plan, must be removed.

Fuel Treatment – thinning and pruning areas other than the Defensible Space. Spacing of leaf trees shall be determined by the Forester or professional in charge, and approved by the District Forester. All green or dead fuel larger than 3” in diameter will be removed from the site. Residual fuels shall be **removed from the site, piled for burning or chipped.**

Fuel Breaks – the exterior boundary and both sides of roads within fuel treatment areas shall have all slash treated through removal or chipping of fuels with chips to be scattered to no more than 6” in depth. Fire Breaks shall be 25 feet in width. It is **not** permissible to move slash to adjoining areas.

Slash Treatment – to treat logging or thinning slash from a pre-existing sale or thinning by: pile and burn, remove, or chip.

<u>PRACTICE</u>	<u>Cost Share %</u>	<u>PRACTICE COST</u>	<u>NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Defensible Space			
Single dwelling (.83 ac.)	65%	\$2,500/ ea.	\$1,625/ ea.
Multiple dwellings Or exceptions	65%	\$2,900/ ac.	\$1,885/ ac.
Fuel Treatments	65%	\$500/ ac.	\$325/ ac.
Fuel Breaks	65%	\$1,000/ ac.	\$650/ ac.
Slash Treatment	65%	\$200/ ac.	\$130/ ac.

Landowner may hire a contractor or complete the project he or herself. Records are to be kept of in-kind hours. Records of in-kind hours are to be turned-in to the District Forester upon completion of the practice.

IN-KIND RATES

Labor	\$17.50/ hr.
Chainsaw	\$25.00/ hr.
Mileage	\$0.40/ mile

Only one payment per landowner/property will be made.

Payments will be made for all approved practices completed, but only upon completion of the **entire** practice. The project coordinator or District Forester must inspect the completed project. The District Forester, for payment processing, will submit a copy of the signed completion document to Cheyenne.