



WESTERN STATES WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE GRANT



COST-SHARE PRACTICES AND RATES

DEFENSIBLE SPACE - Thinning, pruning, and fuels removal, as prescribed by the Wildfire Mitigation Plan written by a Resource Professional, in a circular area not less than 100 feet from the exterior of a residence or business structure. Defensible Space Rate can also be used for planned construction site of a residence or business structure.

FUEL TREATMENT - Thinning, pruning, and fuel removal in areas other than the defensible space described above, as prescribed by the Wildfire Mitigation Plan written by a Resource Professional. Slash shall be removed from the site, chipped or piled for burning.

FUEL BREAK - Thinning, pruning, and fuel removal in key areas identified by a Resource Professional and Wildfire Mitigation Plan. Key areas being those identified to support wildland firefighting suppression actions. Slash shall be removed from the site, chipped or piled for burning. Fuel breaks shall be at least 3 contiguous acres in area to qualify.

<u>PRACTICE</u>	<u>Cost-Share %</u>	<u>MAXIMUM Practice Cost</u>	<u>Cost-Share Rate NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Defensible Space	50%	\$4,200 / treatment	\$2,100 / treatment
Fuel Treatment	50%	\$1,600 / acre	\$800 / acre
Fuel Breaks	50%	\$1,800 / acre	\$900 / acre

Landowner may hire a contractor or complete the work themselves. Records are to be kept of landowner in-kind hours and are to be turned in to the County Firewise Program upon completion of the practice.

This is a reimbursement program. Costs must have occurred before reimbursement for completed practices.

IN-KIND RATES FOR LANDOWNER COMPLETED PRACTICES*:

Labor - \$21.63 per hour – labor includes any time general time associated with the project including slash hauling, burning, etc.

Chainsaw Operation - \$30.85 per hour – chainsaw includes any time running or operating a chainsaw – includes equipment costs

Vehicle Mileage - \$0.555 per mile – All vehicle mileage includes driving to the site and hauling slash from the site. Vehicle means any automobile or truck up to 1 ton.

ATV – 2 Wheel Drive – \$3.25 per hour + Labor – operation and running a 2 wheel drive ATV

ATV – 4 Wheel Drive – \$3.94 per hour + Labor – operation and running a 4 wheel drive ATV

ATV – 6 Wheel – \$4.69 per hour + Labor – operation and running a 6 wheel ATV

Equipment – all other equipment may be reimbursed using the most up-to-date Equipment Schedule of Rates from FEMA (available at <http://www.fema.gov/schedule-equipment-rates>) + labor **. Equipment not listed, cannot be reimbursed for use.

Grant Program Procedures:

- ♣ Landowner must sign and agree to the Cost-share application (Form WSFD-15A) and Wildfire Mitigation Plan supplied by the Resource Professional (Firewise or Fuels Mitigation Coordinator).
- ♣ Landowner must follow the appropriate level of procurement and bidding procedure, if any, supplied by the Resource Professional.
- ♣ Only one reimbursement per application for the landowner will be made.
- ♣ Reimbursement will be made for all approved practices completed, but only upon the completion and inspection of the entire practice.
- ♣ A Fuels Mitigation Coordinator or Wyoming State Forestry Division employee must inspect the completed project to receive a signed completion document for reimbursement processing.
- ♣ A landowner who completes their own practices (landowner in-kind hours) must keep a detailed record of time and activity on the supplied Wyoming State Forestry Division Property Owners Mitigation Time and Expenses Tracking Sheet (form WSFD – 15 c).
 - A record of time will include:
 - Dates worked
 - Hours worked as labor, hours of chainsaw operation and hours of ATV and equipment usage
 - Must keep a log of mileage for vehicles (automobiles and trucks up to 1 ton)
 - Any other prior agreed upon expenses by the Coordinator and Landowner.
 - The record will serve as the receipt for expenses in order to be reimbursed from the grant program.
- ♣ A landowner who completes their practices by hiring a contractor must obtain a receipt or invoice.
 - A receipt or invoice from the contractor must include the following information:
 - Landowners owners name
 - Dates the work occurred and date project was completed
 - Hours the contractor worked on each practice (s)
 - Scope of the work – what was completed by the contractor
 - Amount paid to the contractor
 - Proof of payment that the contractor has been paid for services – statement of check number or paid in cash.
 - Receipt is signed and dated by the contractor and landowner.
 - If a landowner has a contractor complete work outside of the project practice, do not combine those practices on the same receipt. A separate receipt must be submitted to show that grant money will not be used to pay for those services.
- ♣ Landowners have two (2) years from the date they sign the application to complete the practice unless otherwise specified in the application and Wildfire Mitigation Plan supplied by the Coordinator.

** Landowner in-kind rates are for landowners completing a practice on their own lands. All rates are subject to change.*

***WSFD does not use the FEMA supplied rate for chainsaw as equipment. Equipment cost for chainsaws have been factored into the Chainsaw Operation rate.*

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