

Amended Vegetation Management Standards

The following are amendments to the MOF (FFT) Vegetation Standards of April 1st, 2007. These changes have been implemented in order to accommodate the unique brushing requirements involved in the CIMCO – BA Blackwell brushing contracts of the spring 2010 work season.

All changes refer directly to corresponding sections and subsections of the “Vegetation Management Standards”

Treatment

2:3 Alder is the targeted species on all of the contracts in the CIMCO – FFT brushing program. All alder will be cut in the designated treatment areas except where concessions have been made to prevent damage to the crop trees.

The crop trees are layer 1, 2, 3 and 4 Pine, Spruce, and Fir. A one meter (radius) buffer will be allowed around the layer 3 and 4 Spruce and Fir of good form and vigour only. A 30 cm (blade width) radius will be allowed around layer 3 and 4 Pine of good form and vigour. In addition, a 30 cm (blade width) radius will be allowed around layer 1 and 2 (green) conifers.

Any layer 1 and 2 conifers with alder growing or entangled amidst lower branches do not require treatment.

Cutting Specifications

2:6 If a Specified Treatment Type is cutting:

(c) the stump height must not exceed 8 centimeters from the top litter layer except where it is determined that the growth habit of the alder prevented a lower cut with a standard brush saw

2:7 Blade buffers will be allowed where alder cannot be cut without damaging a crop tree (see 2:3).

Determination of Satisfactory Treatment

3:3 An area may be declared satisfactorily treated when:

(b) Crop Tree damage does not exceed 1 tree in a plot and; four additional plots in the immediate area of the plot where damage was discovered (within the same one tenth of a hectare) reveal no further crop damage. If further significant damage is discovered (stem scars or trees severed at the stem) a fine of \$50.00 per infraction may be levied at the discretion of the inspector. Plots with two damage faults or more will incur fines of \$50.00 per infraction and potentially warrant cause for suspension of the contract or non-payment of the area involved.