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Florida Forest Service



BURNING SERVICES AND PRE-SUPPRESSION PLOWING AGREEMENT
Government Agency

s. 590.02(1)(g), Florida Statutes

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

CONTRACT BURN. — The *Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service (FFS)*, may contract with a *Landowner* or his/her agent to carry out contract prescribed burning in accordance with s.590.02(1)(g), Florida Statutes. A FFS Certified Prescribed Burner will prepare a prescribed burn plan, obtain burn authorization, ensure the availability of personnel and equipment, and execute the burn with the approval of the District Manager/Forestry Operations Administrator for the area in which the burn is to occur. Landowner understands and agrees that FFS may use volunteer personnel in the performance of this agreement. Landowner will not be charged for the use of volunteer labor. It is recognized by both parties to this agreement that conditions may arise which prohibit the burning being carried out. Therefore, either party may cancel this agreement by notifying the other party of this fact and confirming in writing.

PRESCRIBED BURN ASSISTANCE. — The *FFS* may provide manpower and equipment to a landowner or his/her agent so the landowner or agent can prescribe burn in accordance with s. 590.02(1)(g), F.S. The *Landowner* or his/her agent: (i) will prepare the burn plan, (ii) obtain the burn authorization, (iii) assume responsibility for control of the fire, (iv) remain with the fire until all visible flames are extinguished and the burn area is safe. The *FFS* will review and approve the burn plan prior to ignition of the prescribed fire and keep a copy for *FFS* records. The *FFS* reserves the right to leave the scene, after securing the fire, in order to respond to wildfires or other emergencies.

PRE-SUPPRESSION PLOWING. — The *FFS* may plow pre-suppression firelines for a landowner or his/her agent in accordance with s. 590.02(1)(g), Florida Statutes. Fireline plowing contributes to protection of property from fire.

It is specifically requested by the landowner or his/her agent that FFS provide:

- ☒ **Contract Prescribed Burn** of 147 acre(s), more or less, for **Broadcast Burning** as described above. The *Landowner* or his/her agent agrees to pay the *FFS* based on the published rate provided in Fire Manual, Chapter 15.
- ☐ **Prescribed Burn Assistance** of acre(s), more or less, for **Broadcast Burning** as described above. The *Landowner* or his/her agent agrees to pay the *FFS* for personnel and equipment based on the published rate provided in Fire Manual, Chapter 15.
- ☒ **Pre-suppression Plowing Assistance** of 3 acre(s), more or less, for **Property Protection** as described above. The landowner or his/her agent agrees to pay FFS for equipment based on the published rate provided in Fire Manual, Chapter 15.

INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY—

Landowner agrees to be responsible for any and claims, actions, causes of action, damages, or liability as it relates to any personal or property damage, real or personal, incurred by any person or entity, including Landowner, resulting solely from Landowner's failure to correctly or fully mark the boundary of the property to be treated and thus causing FFS to trespass upon the property of a third party. Provided however, such responsibility shall be limited in accordance with the limits provided in Section 768.28, Fla. Stat. and that the parties expressly agree that nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the sovereign immunity accorded each party by the Florida Constitution, a waiver of the provisions of Section 768.28 nor a consent to be sued by third parties.

THE INDICATED SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED AREA: The landowner or his/her agent represents that the property being treated as described below, under this agreement, is owned in fee simple, or is in lawful possession of the landowner, and property boundaries are marked correctly.

Section	Township	Range	Latitude	Longitude	County	State
3	23S	21E	28°30'54N	82°11'W	Hernando	Florida

NOW THEREFORE, the above is agreed by the following parties:

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE

By: Jessica Clark
 Printed Name
Sr. Forester
 Title
Jessica Clark 11/21/25
 Signature Date
Mike P. 11/21/25
 Witness Date
 Certification Number: 2024 5525

By: Brian Hawkins
 Printed Name of Landowner or Agent
Chairman
 Title
Brian Hawkins 12-3-2024
 Signature Date
Carol Ann Conley 12-3-2024
 Witness Date
352-754-4002
 Telephone Number with Area Code
 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:
 By: Melissa Tartaglia, County Attorney's Office

I. Services for Fee

- Burning Assistance** – Charges are for providing personnel and equipment to assist the landowner or his agent, hourly rates for all labor and actual equipment use, (Appendix A) will be charged. Transportation time or mileage will not be charged. A \$150 minimum charge per assist (visit or tract) will apply.*
- Contract Burning** – For complete contract assistance, including planning and burning, a flat rate of \$20/acre for non-industrial, private, landowners (5,000 acres or less). Contract burning will be a flat fee of \$25/acre for industrial, government, and other corporate landowners such as timberland investment management organizations (TIMO). Fireline plowing will be an additional charge at the established rates. A \$150 minimum charge per assist (visit or tract) will apply.
- Railroad Right-of-way Treatment** – Tractor, per hour costs will apply. A \$50 minimum charge per assist (visit) will apply.*

II. Fire line Plowing

Charges will be based on actual equipment work time (Appendix A). No transportation or labor is charged. A minimum charge of \$50 per assist (visit) will apply.*

APPENDIX A
TABLE OF RATES

RESOURCE	TYPE-1	TYPE-2	TYPE-3	TYPE-6
ENGINE, WILDLAND			\$55/hr or \$1.65/mi	\$48/hr or \$1.27/mi

RESOURCE	TYPE-1	TYPE-2	TYPE-3	TYPE-4
DOZER WITH OR WITHOUT PLOW	\$124/hr	\$108/hr	\$96 /hr	\$74/hr
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT	\$605/hr *	\$220/hr *	\$110/hr *	
HELICOPTER		\$ 900/hr plus fuel cost *	\$350/hr plus fuel cost *	
HELICOPTER TENDER			\$57/hr or \$2.37/mi *	
TRANSPORT - HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$57/hr or \$2.37/mi	\$57 /hr or \$2.37/mi	\$57/hr or \$2.37/mi	
TRANSPORT - UTILITY CARGO Stake Body 2WD/4WD		\$36/hr or \$1.10/mi	\$36/hr or \$1.10/mi	\$17/hr or \$.83/mi
WATER TENDER Includes truck/tractor and trailer	\$57/hr or \$2.37/mi	\$57/hr or \$2.37/mi	\$34/hr or \$1.21/mi	

GENERAL EQUIPMENT	RATES
AIR BOAT – ALL TYPES	\$58/hr
ATV – 4 or 6-WHEEL (Honda Type)	\$12/hr
BACKHOE – LESS THAN 1.5 CY – 1.5 CY OR MORE	\$30/hr \$44/hr
CHAIN SAW	\$30/day
COMMAND TRAILER – TYPE 1	\$800/day
– TYPE 2	\$550/day
– TYPE 3	\$330/day
CRANE / BOOM TRUCK - < 15 TON – 15 TON OR MORE	\$65/hr \$102/hr
DRUM CHOPPER	\$110/day
DUMP TRUCK 5YD OR MORE	\$60/hr or \$2.20/mi
DUMP TRUCK LESS THAN 5YD	\$36/hr or \$1.10/mi
EXCAVATOR TRACKED	\$136/hr
FORK LIFT to 6,000 lbs.	\$11/hr
FORK LIFT to 12,000 lbs.	\$14/hr
FORK LIFT to 18,000 lbs.	\$22/hr
FORK LIFT to 50,000 lbs.	\$39/hr
FUEL TRAILER DRY	\$100/day
FUEL TRUCK	\$36/hr or \$1.10/mi
GENERAL PURPOSE TENTS	\$50/day
GENERATOR LESS THAN 20 KW	\$66/day
GENERATORS 20 KW OR MORE	\$132/day
GROUND SUPPORT TRAILER WITH OFFICE	\$330/day
INCIDENT TENTS	\$200/day
INFRARED IMAGER	\$100/day
LABOR: Supervisory	\$30/hr
Non-Supervisory	\$22/hr
LOGISTICS TRAILER	\$200/day

GENERAL EQUIPMENT	RATES
MOBILE CACHE TRAILER	\$100/day
MOTOR GRADER	\$90/hr
MOWER	
Gyro Track (Cutting width >72")	\$143/hr
Post-Track / John Deere (Cutting width <72")	\$88/hr
PORTABLE LAVATORY	\$195/day
PORTABLE PUMP	\$20/hr
ALL TYPES	\$143/day
REFRIGERATED TRAILER	\$303/day
REPEATER, ALPHA REPEATER & TOWER, PORTABLE TOWER WITH GENERATOR & ANTENNAE	\$50/day
TERRA TORCH W/FUEL	\$165/hr
TERRA TORCH DRY	\$100/day
TRACK CARRIERS	
Bombardier, Soft Track, Personnel Carrier, Rolligon, Prehauler, M-548	\$121/hr
TRACTOR WHEELED – ALL	\$57/hr
LOADER WHEELED – ALL	\$102/hr
TRAILER (Chainsaw/EMS/TF/Mech/ Communication (4'x 6' and 5'x 8'))	\$50/day
VAN, PASSENGER or UTILITY & MECHANIC TRUCK W/ TOOLS, SUV, PICKUPS, SEDANS	\$17/hr or \$.50 /mi
WATER TRAILER – 400-GALLON Potable or Non-Potable (WaterBuffaloType)	\$55/day
WATER TRAILER-5000+GALLON Potable or Non-potable	\$225/day
WATER TRAILER TRACKED – 2500 GALLON	\$235/day

* Fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft will be subject to a minimum availability charge of twice the hourly rate per day when committed for more than the first operational period.