

Supplemental Specifications to Special Provision KT-GT.9# - Stewardship Projects (these specifications pertain to the following Project Areas in the Contract Area):

- #1-01: 24 acres
- #1-06: 7 acres
- #1-07: 14 acres
- #1-08: 3 acres
- #1-09: 17 acres
- #1-10: 5 acres
- #1-11: 15 acres
- #1-12: 35 acres
- #1-13: 16 acres
- #1-14: 21 acres
- #1-18: 5 acres
- #1-20: 9 acres
- #1-22: 8 acres

A. Site Preparation for Aspen Natural Regeneration

- 1) All tree species over 4 feet tall and up to 5 inches DBH (except aspen up to 2 inches DBH) shall be cut.
- 2) Small clumps of young balsam, hemlock or other conifer species should be maintained where they occur in the aspen clear cut after the timber sale is complete. Retain two to three small clumps of low, dense conifers (about 100 square feet to 1000 square feet in size) per acre, as available, in a manner that still meets aspen regeneration objectives for the stand.
- 3) Shrubs are not required to be cut.
- 4) Annuals such as grasses, sedges, ferns, etc. are not required to be cut.

B. Felling Specifications

- 1) All trees required to be cut shall be cut below the lowest live limb except when prevented by natural obstacles.
- 2) Trees required to be cut shall be completely severed from the stump and lie flat on the ground. No tops shall be left hanging in standing trees.
- 3) The stump height of cut trees shall not exceed 6 inches above the ground level on the high side of the stump, or 4 inches above natural obstacles.
- 4) The cut angle of such stumps shall not exceed 20 degrees measured from a horizontal plane extending from the stump at ground level.
- 5) No boundary trees, Reserve Trees, or trees within Reserve Areas shall be cut or damaged. Boundary trees (KT-CT.3) are defined by 3 ORANGE paint slashes at eye level, with stump mark, for exterior boundaries or 2 ORANGE paint slashes at eye level, with stump mark, for interior boundaries. Reserve Trees (KT-CT.3#) are ringed with a single band of ORANGE paint at eye level, with stump mark. Boundary Trees along the perimeter of Reserve Areas (KT-CT.3.0.1#) have been identified by 3 ORANGE paint slashes, and "RA", at eye level (facing AWAY from the Reserve Area), and painted at the stump. Reserve Areas are shown on the

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Contract Area Map as “RA”. **All site preparation slash, equipment, and vehicles are prohibited within the Reserve Area.**

- 6) All snags shall not be cut.

C. **Equipment Requirements.**

- 1) The Contractor will provide cutting tools and equipment that are suitable for the job.
- 2) All power tools shall be equipped with Forest Service approved spark arrestors and in good working condition.

D. **Road Use and Maintenance.**

- 1) All roads leading into each project area are to be kept open and free of any debris that may occur as a result of the work.
- 2) All roads used by the Contractor will comply with Special Provisions KT-FT.1.2# - Use of Roads by Contractor and KT-FT.3.1# - Road Maintenance Requirements of this Contract.

E. **Slash Treatment.**

- 1) All slash/felled stems that fall outside of the Project Area boundary shall be pulled back into the Project Area.
- 2) Within a strip 10 feet wide measured from the cleared edge of any numbered Forest Service Road and the Gauthier Road, all slash resulting from the Contractor’s site preparation activities shall be removed. Within an adjacent strip 10 feet in width, this slash shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 3 feet of the ground. All slash shall be removed from all road ditches or other drainage structures.