

APPENDIX B

TREATMENT DESCRIPTION

This decision allows for hazard tree felling and/or removal up to 75 feet each side of centerline for distribution and 200 feet each side of centerline for transmission facilities. The actual clearing widths for the removal of trees for radiant heat protection of distribution and transmission facilities may be determined by fire modeling for specific facilities and sites.

As determined by the Forest Service, removal of salvageable timber will be required within 300 feet of roads, trails, developed recreation sites and other administrative sites. Outside of these areas, salvageable timber may be removed as designated by the Forest Service.

The Forest Service will identify through prescription the trees to be felled and/or removed within its permitted lands within the National Forest boundary. Examples of permitted lands include recreation residences, ski areas, and lodges.

Salvageable timber is saw-timber sized trees greater than 7 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) and products other than logs (POL) sized trees from 5 to 7 inches DBH. NOTE: Saw-timber sized trees on the Routt National Forest are greater than 9 inches DBH and POL sized trees are 5 to 9 inches DBH.

Trees less than 5 inches DBH (non-salvageable) within said corridor may be either felled and left in place or removed for biomass utilization. If left in place, these trees will be lopped and scattered to a height of less than 24 inches above the ground.

The following treatments are also acceptable for non-salvageable trees: chipped, masticated, roller chopped, removed, and/or piled and burned to reduce the fire hazard they may pose. All burning will be done on landings, which will be located outside of the proposed treatment area described above and will be placed in compliance with the design criteria described in this decision.

Existing trails and roads, including existing power line access roads, will be used to access all authorized treatment areas. No new permanent access roads will be constructed for project implementation.

This decision includes the construction of temporary roads outside of roadless areas for access to lines and to reduce impacts to resources. Temporary roads will be allowed on a case by case basis and approved by the Forest Service.

No hazardous tree removal is authorized to occur on private in-holdings within NFS land boundaries as part of this project. Utility companies will coordinate separately with private landowners for treatment options.