

Rock Thin STWD - Stewardship Project Specifications

End Result: increase species diversity in even-aged monoculture plantations by planting other tree species that typically make-up old growth habitat.

Project: # 3 - SCALP, GAP PLANT, and TREE PROTECTION, UPLAND AREAS

Measure of accomplishment: Number of seedlings/trees planted and protected

Quantity: **300 seedlings/trees**. Plant and protect 300 seedlings on approximately 2 acres (averages approximately 150 seedlings/acre).

See attached map.

Table 1

Subdivision Numbers	4	20	Total
Subdivision Acres	14	26	40
Proj. #3 -no. of ½ acre gaps created	2	2	4
Proj. #3 -no. of seedlings to plant in created gaps	150	150	300

The creation of holes that average 1/2 acre in size is specified in the contract. The location of the gaps is shown on the contract maps. The Contractor will adhere to the technical specifications below while planting the created holes with an average of 75 seedlings planted within each created gap. This equates to an average spacing of 17' x 17'.

Project: # 4 - SCALP, UNDERPLANT, and TREE PROTECTION, UPLAND AREAS

Measure of Accomplishment: Number of seedlings/trees underplanted and protected.

Quantity: **1950 seedlings/trees**. Plant and protect 1950 seedlings on approximately 39 acres. (averages approximately 50 seedlings/acre).

See attached map.

Table 2

Subdivision Numbers	2	9	12	14	15	Total
Subdivision Acres	12	8	5	11	9	
Proj. #4 -no. of seedlings to underplant in each thinning subdivision	600	150	250	500	450	1950

It is expected that many small openings will be created following commercial thinning activities. It is in these small openings that underplanting activities will occur. **The Contractor should expect to cover**

the majority of the thinning subdivision acres (45 acres) to find 39 acres of acceptable planting spots as defined in the technical specifications presented below.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROJECTS #3 & #4

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The Contractor shall provide any and all labor, training, and equipment necessary to perform the mobilization, site preparation, tree planting, and tree protection as described in the following sections. The Forest Service shall provide the tree seedlings, all tree protection devices, and self-inspection materials as specified in Section 3.

2. ACCESSIBILITY:

Work areas may be reached by Forest roads that are accessible using a standard two-wheel drive pickup during normal operating seasons, unless otherwise indicated on Project Maps. Vehicles shall not operate off system roads without prior written approval of the Contract Administrator (CA) or Contract Inspector (CI). Inaccessibility due to snow, fallen trees, slides or washouts on roads may or may not be permitted at the option of the Government. If road access is blocked, the Government may: (1) provide an alternate access route, or (2) substitute similar stewardship project. Roads shown on subdivision maps indicate access to subdivisions and are not to suggest the roads are open within the subdivisions or for any further travel. No vehicle shall by-pass any officially blocked road (barrier, locked gates, posted signs, rocks/log/dirt, etc.) without approval of the CA or CI.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

Planting hole - An area that is at least **15 feet** from a live residual tree of any species. Planting holes will typically be found inside thinned subdivisions within skyline corridors approved by the CA or CI as designated corridors, below landing areas, and in Phellinus infection centers.

Hole - An opening in the subdivision canopy generally between 1/4 and 1 acre in size absent of, or sparsely stocked with conifers. The holes are either deliberately created within a thinned subdivision or created as a consequence of harvest operations.

Plantable Spot - An area from which vegetation, ash, duff, and debris has been or can be removed, and a tree seedling can be planted as specified elsewhere herein.

Unplantable Spot - An area within the specified spacing limits in which it is not possible to plant a seedling according to specifications.

Satisfactorily Planted Seedling - A seedling planted in full accordance with all planting specifications set forth in this contract.

Unsatisfactorily Planted Seedling - A planted seedling which fails to meet one or more of the specifications for a CA or CI as designated satisfactorily planted seedling.

Wasted Seedlings - Seedlings which are lost, damaged, destroyed, or handled contrary to the specifications for care of seedlings. Planted seedlings in excess of the maximum number of seedlings creditable as specified elsewhere herein are also considered to be wasted seedlings.

Cotyledon Scar - Lowest point on stem from which branches will grow. Marked by a distinct ring in the bark on most species of tree seedlings.

Root Length - Root length will be measured from the longest root tip and the cotyledon scar.

Replanting - Any planting work done in a stewardship project, either voluntarily by the Contractor or as directed by the CA or CI as designated, after the Contractor has given the planting inspection cards to the Government.

Mineral Soil - Where soil content is less than 70 percent coarse rock fragments greater than 2mm in size.

Microsite Planting - The planting of tree seedlings in plantable spots most favorable to seedling survival and growth. Examples of favorable microsite features that provide protection from sun, wind, animals, and other damaging agents are logs, and stumps.

Prepared Sites - An area from which logging slash and competing vegetation has been removed to allow a seedling to be planted in full accordance with all specifications set forth in this contract.

Scalp - The removal of all vegetation which exposes at least 70% mineral soil.

Tree Height - Tree height will be measured from the ground to the tip of the seedling.

Suitable Tree - A tree of good form and vigor which shows no physical damage and which conforms to the size, characteristics, and species specified on the Planting Data Sheets.

SECTION 3 - GOVERNMENT FURNISHED PROPERTY

GOV'T FURNISHED DATA PROPERTY AND SERVICES	QUANTITY	WHERE, WHEN AND HOW TO BE FURNISHED TO CONTRACTOR
1-0, 1-1 and 2-0 Seedlings	Project 3 & 4– 2250	Brought to site by Government
Tree Tubes and Bamboo	Project 3 & 4 – 2250 tubes and 4500 bamboo stakes.	Brought to site by Government.
Inspection Book	CA or CI as designated satisfactory to complete the project.	Furnished at Pre-work meeting
Rock Thin STWD Mandatory Stewardship Project Specs.	One Set	Furnished at Pre-work meeting
Project Maps	One Set	Furnished at Pre-work meeting

SEEDLING HANDLING EQUIPMENT

A. PLANTING BAGS - Planting bags shall be a light color, shall not retain heat, shall have a minimum depth of 15 inches and shall be free of defects or contaminants.

B. CARE OF SEEDLINGS -The Contractor shall adhere to the following specifications for care and protection of tree seedlings:

1. Seedlings shall be protected at all times from drying, heating, smothering, freezing, crushing, drowning, abrasion, rapid temperature fluctuations, or contact with injurious substances.
2. Seedlings stored in boxes, bags, or bundles shall not be exposed to direct sunlight. Punctured or torn bags or boxes shall be promptly resealed. Containers of seedlings shall be opened only in full shade. Bundles, bags, or boxes shall be separated to provide free air movement.

3. Seedlings shall not be removed from shipping containers until needed for preparation for planting.
4. Seedlings shall be planted without further root or top pruning or culling. If pruning or culling is necessary, or if mold, dry roots, evidence of injury, or drying is seen, the condition shall immediately be reported to the CA or CI as designated.
5. Frozen seedlings shall not be handled until completely thawed. They shall be thawed in full shade.
6. Seedlings removed from cold storage facilities shall not be allowed to stand or lay in water or snow or be covered with snow.
7. Seedlings in planting bags shall have only their tops exposed. Burlap-wrapped trees shall have the wrappings loosened slightly.
8. Seedlings shall not be removed from a planting bag until immediately before planting in a prepared planting hole.
9. Seedlings shall be gently removed, one at a time, to prevent stripping or other injury, and quickly and gently inserted into the planting hole.
10. Seedlings carried in planting bags shall not exceed the amount that can be carried or removed without injury, or which can be planted before critical heating or drying occur. Seedlings placed in planting bags shall be planted out and not returned to storage. Trees in planting bags shall be planted out before extended breaks, such as lunch.
11. The Contractor shall not touch the roots of the seedlings.
12. The Contractor shall not dig and replant seedlings other than those located on inspection plots or spot checks of below ground planting quality.
13. Unplanted seedlings shall be returned to the Government at the end of each working day.

C. PREPARATION OF SEEDLINGS -The Contractor shall provide water and a container at least 15 inches wide and 15 inches deep for dipping roots of bareroot seedlings. Water and container shall be kept free of contaminants and used only for dipping. Roots shall be dipped in water to wet them prior to placing seedlings in planting bags. Seedlings shall remain in the water for at least 3 seconds but not longer than 30 seconds.

D. SPACING AND SPOT SELECTION

A. Seedlings Spacing Requirements:

1. Seedlings are to be planted only in planting holes. A planting hole is defined as any opening where a seedling can be planted at least 15 feet or more away from a residual tree of any species.
2. Seedlings shall be planted to the boundary of all planting areas and around the perimeter of unplantable areas in spots distributed at intervals prescribed. For individual seedlings, the specified average spacing may be varied no more than 25 percent in any direction to find a suitable planting spot. The specified underplanting spacing shall be 24' X 24' for Project 4 and 17' x 17' for Project 3 unless favorable conditions exist where Microsite planting would be most favorable.

3. Where microsite planting sites are available as many as four seedlings can be "clump" planted at 8 foot spacing. In no case shall a planted seedling be closer than 15 feet to a residual tree.

4. Prepared sites shall extend to the boundary of all planting areas and around the perimeter of all unplanted areas.

B. Planting Spot Selection:

1. Brush patches containing planting spots shall be planted even though this may require spreading stems aside or working around the stems.

2. Whenever possible, within the 25 percent variance in average spacing, planting spots shall be prepared where stumps, logs, dead brush, and terrain features provide partial protection from the sun, wind, animals, loose debris, and other agents detrimental to seedlings.

C. Microsite Planting:

1. Only western red cedar and western Hemlock shall be planted in the microsite locations. Microsites are the shade side of stumps, logs, brush and where designated by the CA or CI as Designated. At each microsite location up to 3 to 4 seedlings can be planted a minimum of 8 feet apart depending on the size of the microsite.

2. Seedlings shall be spaced a minimum of 15 feet away from existing healthy residual trees.

E. PLANTING SPOT PREPARATION

A. Prior to digging the planting hole, the Contractor shall clear or "scalp" the planting spot of all limbs, logs, snow, bark, rotten wood, rocks and other loose debris and shall scalp ash, duff, sod, crowns of living plants, and roots to moist mineral soil. The scalp shall be a minimum of 24" x 24". Site preparation and scalping dimensions are further described in Section 5. If slash prohibits the specific diameter of scalp, a smaller scalp will be acceptable.

F. PREPARING THE PLANTING HOLE

1. Planting holes shall be located near the center of the prepared planting spot and shall be between perpendicular to the ground surface and true vertical.

2. For Handtools:

a.1 An open planting hole, broken out as shown the attached Exhibit1, and deep and wide enough to fully accommodate the roots of the seedlings to be planted is required when hand planting tools are used. The planting hole shall be broken out on four sides, with the back of the planting hole being broken out after the seedling is suspended in the center of the planting hole.

G. SEEDLING PLACEMENT

1. The 1-0, 1-1, and 2-0 Bare Root Seedlings - The bareroot seedling shall be suspended near the center of the planting hole with roots in a near natural arrangement at a depth such that, after filling, firming, and leveling, the soil comes to a point at or above the cotyledon scar of the tree. No portion of the roots shall be exposed. Roots shall not be doubled up, twisted, spiraled, or

bunched. The root system shall be aligned with the axis of the planting hole with all roots extending downward. See Exhibit 1.

- a. It is permissible to cover the lowest whorl of branches with uncompacted soil.

H. FILLING AND FIRMING

1. Moist mineral soil shall be filled in and firmed around seedling roots. Dry soil, ash, organic matter, rock and other foreign material shall be kept out of planting holes. Soil shall be filled in and firmed progressively so no loose soil or air pockets remain and the seedling is as firmly planted as soil conditions will allow. The Contractor shall not wedge the sides of the planting hole. Firming the soil around the roots shall be accomplished in a manner that assures the seedling and its root system is not damaged. After the soil is firmed around the roots, it shall be smoothed out to the level of the surrounding mineral soil surface. After planting, the seedling stem shall be erect and free to grow. The seedling shall not be weighted down with mud or debris.

I. MIXTURE OF PLANTING STOCK

1. A mixture of planting stock will be used in each subdivision. The Contractor shall plant these mixtures or stages in locations as required by the CA or CI as designated.

SECTION 5. PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT TASKS AND CRITICAL SUBTASKS

The Contractor shall be responsible for all tasks concerning the handling, planting, and protection of the seedling. The Contractor shall perform the work to the Quality/Performance Requirements.

Planting

- Preparing seedlings for planting
- Spacing
- Planting spot preparation
- Scalping
- Seedling Placement

1. Plant in planting hole only. A planting hole is an area that is at least 15 feet from a live residual tree of any species.
2. For Projects 3 & 4 prepare a planting spot by creating 24 x 24 inch scalps. All vegetation will be removed from the scalps exposing mineral soil.
3. Government supplied seedlings will be a combination of 1-0, 1-1 or 2-0 Western Red Cedar, Sitka Spruce, Western Hemlock, Douglas-fir, and Red Alder.
4. Trees will be dipped in water before planting with shovel or hodad. Contractor will provide shovel or hodad and buckets for dipping trees prior to planting.
5. Trees will be left in their shipping containers or planting bags until they are ready to plant. Roots should only be exposed when dipping in water and when they are going into the ground.

Tree Protection

Tubing

1. Tube all trees except spruce. Tubes and stakes are provided by the Government. Tubes will be supported by two 6 foot bamboo woven through the tubes (see exhibit 2).
2. The bamboo's large end will be in the ground at least 12 inches. The tree top will be vertical and not bunched in the tube. The bottom of the tube will be flush with the ground.
3. If a seedling is too large to tube, tubing will not be required.
4. The Contractor is required to haul all tubes and bamboo to the planting sites.

Release

Demobilization and Cleanup

Documentation

- Work Plan and Schedule
- Quality Control Plan
- Contractor Inspection will be clear, concise and contain all the required data in an approved format.

ATTACHMENT 2 - PLANTING/TUBING/SCALPING DIAGRAMS
Exhibit 1

Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory Plantings

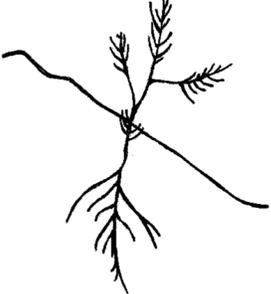
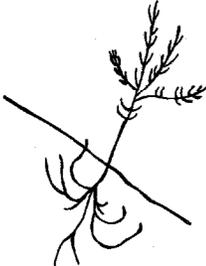
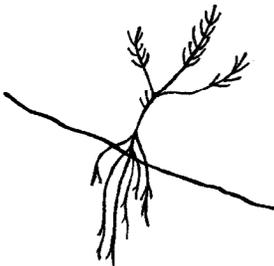
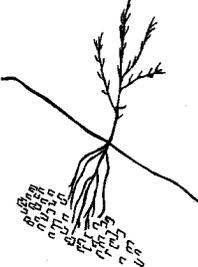
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<p>Unsatisfactory</p>  <p>Improper orientation. Not planted into the slope or near vertical.</p>	<p>Unsatisfactory</p>  <p>"L" roots. Shallow hole.</p>	<p>Unsatisfactory</p>  <p>"J" roots. Shallow hole. Roots often exposed.</p>
<p>Unsatisfactory</p>  <p>Jammed roots. Hole too narrow and shallow.</p>	<p>Unsatisfactory</p>  <p>Hole too shallow. Roots exposed.</p>	<p>Unsatisfactory</p>  <p>Air pocket because of improper tamping.</p>
<p>Unsatisfactory</p>  <p>Planted in rotten wood. Roots not in mineral soil.</p>	<p>Unsatisfactory</p>  <p>"U"- or "J"-shaped tap root.</p>	<p>Unsatisfactory</p>  <p>Compacted roots. Hole too narrow.</p>

Exhibit 2

TUBING INSTALLATION WITH BAMBOO

TOP VEIW

SIDE VEIW

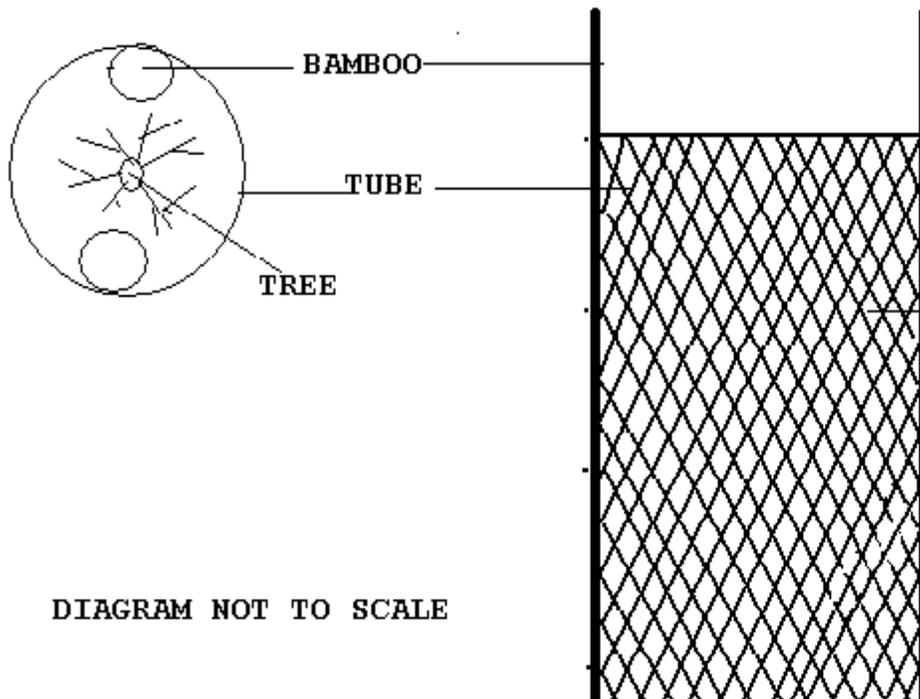


DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE

TUBING INSTALLATION SHOWING WEAVE POINTS

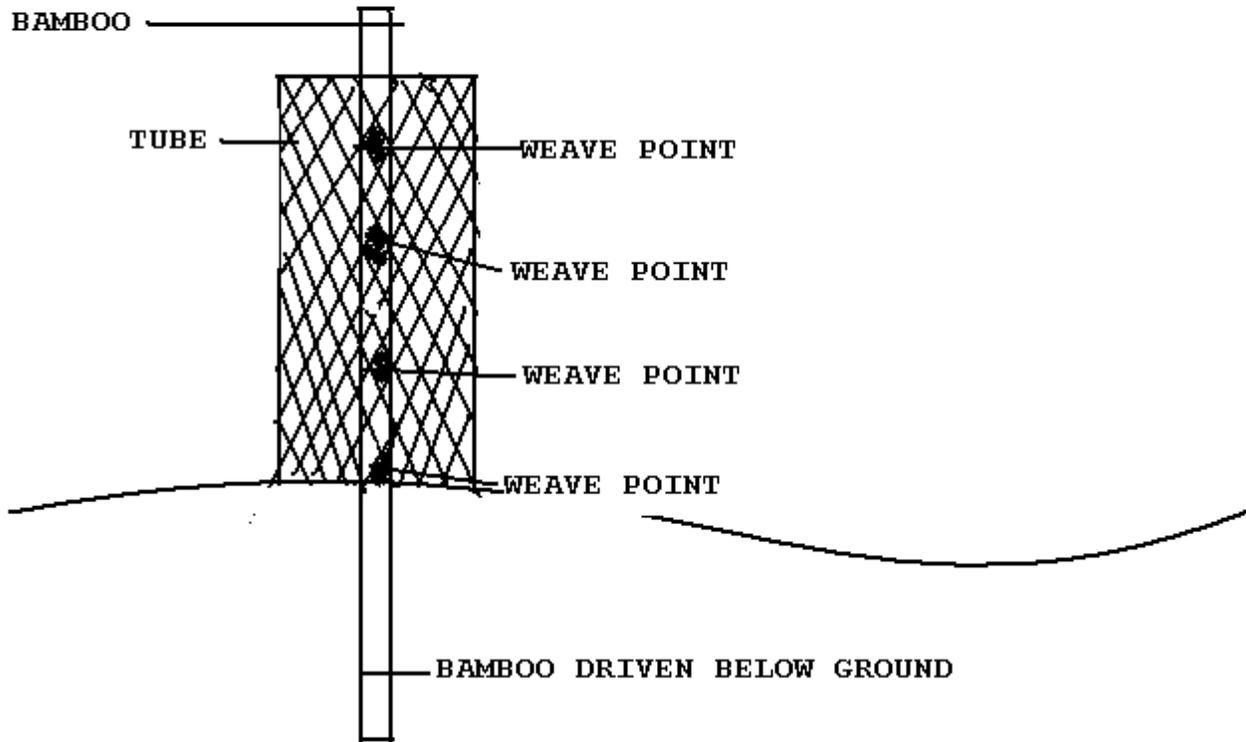


DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE

SECTION 6 - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

2 INSPECTION OF SERVICES

(a) The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the Government covering the projects under this contract. Complete records of all inspection work performed by the Contractor shall be maintained and made available to the Government during contract performance and for as long afterwards as the contract requires.

(b) The Government has the right to inspect and test all services called for by the contract, to the extent practicable at all times and places during the term of the contract. The Government shall perform inspections and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay the work.

(c) If the Government performs inspections or tests on the premises of the Contractor or subcontractor, the Contractor shall furnish, and shall require subcontractors to furnish, without additional charge, all reasonable facilities and assistance for the CA or CI as needed and convenient performance of these duties.

(d) If any of the services do not conform with contract requirements, the Government may require the Contractor to perform the services again in conformity with contract requirements, at no increase in contract amount. When the defects in services cannot be corrected by reperformance, the Government may (1) require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to contract requirements and (2) reduce the contract price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed.

3 CONTRACTOR INSPECTION PROCEDURES

A. Contractor shall:

Inspect the work of his or her crew in any fashion he chooses so long as the inspection procedure is thorough enough to ensure compliance with all of the planting specifications described herein. When the Contractor, through inspections and possible reinspections is satisfied that the crew's planting work is in compliance with the contract specifications, the Contractor shall then request that the Government representatives perform an inspection.

4. GOVERNMENT VERIFICATION (PLANTING)

The Government will conduct verification inspections to determine compliance with specifications. Each stewardship project/subdivision will be verified separately and inspection results on one stewardship project/subdivision will not be averaged with those of other stewardship projects/subdivisions. Determination of the acceptability of the work performed will be based on these verification inspections. The Contractor or a designated representative is encouraged to observe inspections while they are underway.

1. Verification inspection of a stewardship project/subdivision shall be performed within 2 days following notification by the Contractor that a planted stewardship project is ready for inspection.

Government verification inspection will consist of observation of tree handling, site preparation, planting and inspection procedures, and examination of individual trees on designated sample plots. When Government verification inspection fails to support Contractor's inspection results, the Government will inform the Contractor in writing and a full reinspection will be performed by the Government within five

working days of the original Contractor inspection. The Government encourages the Contractor to observe this inspection.

If the area to be reinspected is at a quality that requires replanting and is also a tubing area, the Contractor will bear responsibility and expense to tube the replanted trees as specified in this contract.

A. Government shall:

1. Install a series of circular 1/20 acre plots, (with slope correction) sufficient in number to yield at least the following: 1.5 percent sample but not less than 3 plots. Plots shall be located throughout the planting areas to obtain a representative sample of the work.

MINIMUM ACRES IN STEWARDSHIP PROJECT	NUMBER OF 1/20 Ac. PLOTS
Project 3 – 2 acres	3
Project 4 – 39 acres	12

2. The inspection plots will be identified on the ground by using flagged markers to locate the plot centers and identify them by consecutively numbering each plot, and also indicate the date of inspection. Plastic flagging shall be a minimum of 1 inch in width and 12 inches in length.

3. Inspection plot results will be collected on Planting Inspection Sheets.

4. Additionally the Government will document seedling handling that is inconsistent with contract specifications as wasted seedlings on the Planting Inspection Sheets.

5. Inspection procedures on the plots will utilize the following codes for recording above and below ground noncompliance for planted trees:

CODE ABOVE-GROUND INSPECTION

A	Planting Spot Selection
B	Planting Spot Preparation
C	Tree Location on Planting Site
D	Planting Depth and Exposed Roots
E	Stem Position or Damage
F	Firming
G	Shade
H	Spacing
AA	Other Specifications

CODE BELOW-GROUND INSPECTION

I	Planting Hole Preparation
J	Planting Hole Orientation
K	Root Configuration and Orientation
L	Altered Root Length and Damage
M	"Foreign" Material in Planting Hole
N	Loose Soil or Air Pockets
II	Other Specification

B. Inspection Within Each Plot - each plot shall be inspected as follows:

1. The Government inspectors will determine from Table I the average number of planting spots for the plot based on the specified average spacing. From this number the number of suitable trees will be subtracted from the number of unplantable spots. The difference will be recorded as the number of plantable spots on which seedlings should be planted.

TABLE I

AVERAGE PLANTING SPACING (FEET)	AVERAGE NO. OF PLANTING SPOTS ON 1/20 ACRE
24 x 24	3.5 to 4.0
17 x 17	6.0 to 7.0

2. Determine and record the maximum number of allowable seedlings from Table II.

TABLE II

Determination of the maximum allowable seedlings from number of plantable spots recorded in Step No. 1 above.

MAXIMUM PLANTABLE SPOTS	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SEEDLINGS	PLANTABLE SPOTS	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SEEDLINGS
0	1	13	16
1	2	14	17
2	3	15	18
3	4	16	19
4	5	17	20
5	6	18	22
6	7	19	23
7	8	20	24
8	10	21	25
9	11	22	26
10	12	23	28
11	13	24	29
12	14	25	30

3. The number of seedlings planted will be recorded on the plot.

4. The Government shall determine and record the number of wasted seedlings on the plot. This will be the number of seedlings determined by subtracting the maximum number of allowable seedlings from the number of planted seedlings recorded but not less than zero. When planted wasted seedlings are found, and they are considered minor in nature and in no way indicate a trend that average spacing requirements are being exceeded, the CA or CI may waive the wasted seedling charge. In no case will a waiver be given if the total of the Planting Inspection Sheet column "Planted Seedlings" exceeds the total of column "Maximum Number Allowable Seedlings" or the number of wasted seedlings is not minor and indicates a trend that average spacing requirements are being exceeded.

Wasted seedlings will be calculated by the following: Total number of wasted seedlings from inspection record divided by number of plots taken multiplied by the reciprocal of the plot size times number of acres in the stewardship project, plus seedlings determined wasted under care of seedlings specifications.

For example, if a total of 27 wasted seedlings was found on 40 1/50 acre plots which were taken on a 60 acre stewardship project, and a bundle of 200 seedlings had been wasted through improper care, the calculation would be made as follows:

$$27 \times 50 \times 60 / 40 = 2025 + 200 = 2225 \text{ wasted seedlings}$$

5. The Government shall inspect and record the number of planted seedlings meeting the above-ground contract specifications. The maximum number of satisfactory seedlings to be credited shall not exceed that shown in Table II.

4. The Government shall determine and dig the number of seedlings from those determined satisfactory above-ground as shown in Table III. Digging to determine below ground quality (see Exhibit Section) shall be accomplished in such a manner as to expose the root system profile.

TABLE III

NUMBER OF SATISFACTORILY PLANTED SEEDLINGS ON PLOT - ABOVE GROUND	NUMBER TO BE DUG
1-3	0
3-6	1
6+	2

The satisfactory above ground seedlings shall be dug starting with those closest to the plot center and progressing outwards.

7. The Government shall record the number of seedlings meeting below-ground contract specifications.

8. The Government shall compute the planting quality by the following formula:

Planting Quality =

$$\frac{\text{No. of Trees Above-Ground}}{\text{No. of Plantable Spots}} \times \frac{\text{No. of Satisfactory Dug Seedlings}}{\text{No. of Dug Seedlings}} \times 100$$

The results of the above calculation will be applied as follows:

a. Plot

(1) Divide the total satisfactory seedlings above ground by the total number of plantable spots.

(2) Divide the total satisfactory seedlings below ground by the total dug:

(3) Multiply the two totals to get planting quality percentage.

(4) When the number of satisfactory seedlings above ground is zero or one and the number of plantable spots is zero, the result shall be 1.0.

b. Total Stewardship project

(1) Add the total plot percentage of all plots in the stewardship project and divide by the total number of plots in the stewardship project to get the average percentage of plot quality in the stewardship project.

9. Percentage of planting quality as calculated above will be rounded to the nearest whole percent. **MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PERCENTAGE SHALL BE 133 PERCENT PER PLOT AS COMPUTED IN STEP 8.**

10. Average planting spots and maximum number of satisfactory seedlings shown in Tables I and II have been rounded to the nearest whole number. It is mutually understood and agreed that these figures will be used for determining planting quality even though they are not precisely correct from a mathematical standpoint.

C. Inspection Results

Government inspection shall begin within 2 days of the Government being notified by the Contractor that a stewardship project is ready for inspection. Contractor inspection results may be requested by the Government prior to government inspection. Completed Planting Inspection Sheets shall be shared with the Contractor within 24 hours of completion of each stewardship project/subdivision and will remain a part of the permanent contract file.

The Contractor shall submit legible inspection results when requested to do so. Illegible and incomplete results will be returned to the Contractor for correction and resubmission before Government verification inspections are performed.

3. By requesting a Government inspection, the Contractor is considered to be certifying that the subdivision is:

- a. Satisfactorily completed.
- b. Tree handling was completed in accordance with the contract provisions stated elsewhere in the contract.
- c. Written inspection results reflect the work accomplished.

5. UNSATISFACTORY PLANTING

A. If the percentage of planting quality for any stewardship project/subdivision falls below **90** percent the Contractor may be permitted to replant the stewardship project/subdivision in order to achieve a higher planting quality percentage. Replanting will be subject to availability of seedling stock and shall be requested in writing by the Contractor. Following completion and replanting, a new inspection shall be made by the Contractor. Payment will be based on the new inspection.

B. The Contractor may be required to replant any stewardship project or any 1/2 acre or larger portion of a stewardship project, as identified on the ground by the Government, where the average planting quality falls below 80 percent, provided that additional supplies of suitable seedlings are available.

C. Only one replant will be permitted. Acceptance will be based on a new inspection made after replanting. The Contractor shall bear the cost of all reinspections after replanting.

6. REINSPECTION UPON CONTRACTOR REQUEST (PLANTING)

A. If the original verification inspection results are unacceptable to the Contractor, the Contractor will have the option to request, in writing, a full inspection by the Government. Requests for reinspection shall be made, in writing, within five days after receipt of initial inspection results. If the Government's reinspection results differ by more than 5 percentage points from the Contractor's original inspection results, the Government's reinspection results will be used for payment.

B. Inspection results used for payment will be determined as specified elsewhere herein.

7. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE (TUBING)

A. The Contractor shall:

Inspect the work of his or her crew in any fashion he chooses so long as the inspection procedure is thorough enough to ensure compliance with all of the tubing specifications described herein. When the Contractor, through inspections and possible corrections is satisfied that his crew's tubing work is in compliance with the contract specifications, the Contractor shall then request that the Government representatives perform an inspection.

8. GOVERNMENT VERIFICATION (TUBING)

The Government will conduct verification inspections of tubing to determine compliance with specifications and to provide the basis for computing the rate of payment. The inspection will be made based upon a survey unless determined by the CA or CI that possible marginal work exists, then formal plots will be taken on a series of 1/20 acre plots. Each stewardship project/subdivision will be verified separately and inspection results on one stewardship project/subdivision will not be averaged with those of other stewardship projects/subdivisions. Determination of the acceptability of the work performed will be based on these verification inspections. The Contractor or a designated representative is encouraged to observe inspections while they are underway.

B. The Government shall:

1. Install a series of circular 1/20 acre plots, (with slope correction) sufficient in number to yield at least the following: 1.5 percent sample but not less than 3 plots. Plots shall be located throughout the planting areas to obtain a representative sample of the work.

MINIMUM ACRES IN STEWARDSHIP PROJECT	NUMBER OF 1/20 Ac. PLOTS
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Project 4 – 39 acres	12

2 Plots shall be taken on a grid system located within each planting subdivision to provide a representative sample of the Tubing work.

a. Flagging will be used to locate the plot centers. Flagging (colored plastic ribbon) shall be 1 inch minimum width and minimum length of 12 inches.

3. Complete inspection reports, (Form Number R6-2400-114)

B. Each plot will be inspected for:

1. Number of trees tubed.
2. Number of trees needing tubing.
3. Number of trees satisfactorily tubed.
4. Excess tubed trees.

If inspections find that less than 90% of the seedlings requiring protection have been tubed, the Contractor will be required to rework the stewardship project. Additionally, any wasted tubes, or excess tubes shall be gathered by the Contractor and returned to the Government prior to Government acceptance of a tubing stewardship project.

9. REINSPECTION UPON CONTRACTOR'S REQUEST (TUBING)

1. If the original inspection results are unacceptable to the Contractor, a reinspection may be requested. Requests for reinspection must be made in writing within five days after receipt of notice of initial inspection results. The inspection procedure will be used as described in E-6, but new plots will be selected. The inspection pattern will be shifted so new inspection plots will not overlap with previously inspected plots.

SCHEDULE

When: January 1 to March 28.

Year of Project: The first January 1 - March 28 period following the completion of commercial thinning work in any given subdivision unless otherwise agreed to.

Inspection details: Self inspection by the Contractor using whatever means necessary to ensure crew compliance with all planting and tree protection specifications.

Formal Inspection/Acceptance by: The Forest Service