SPRUCE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST

Estimated Treatment Acres

January 26, 2022

Treatment acre estimates are based on the following:

Common Stand Exam data for 501 stands:

District	No. Stands	Total Acres	Year Data Collected
MY	57	2,381	2016
NH	444	15,776	2017-2018
		18,157	

- Stand conditions were projected to a common year of 2022 in the Forest Vegetation Simulator.
- Stand types, habitat types, and stand sizes were assessed for overlap and adjacency to the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).
- Estimated treatment acres were expanded by a factor of 2.81 based upon the total area designated as white spruce forest, 51,097 acres, per the November 3, 2021, FSVeg forest inventory database.

WUI was defined by the following categories:

Feature	Buffer	File Name Power300_Diss	
PowerLines Transmission OverHead Primary 	300'		
Recreation sites Admin Sites Campgrounds Lookouts Rec Residences 	½ mile	RecResHalf Diss RecSiteHalf Diss	
Private Property	½ mile	PVTHalf diss	
POD boundaries	300'	POD300_diss	

Table 1. Estimated treatment acres by stand type, size class, forest products emphasis, and silvin	cultural
Rx method category.	

Stand Type	Habitat Type	Size Class	Primary Objective	Forest Products Emphasis	Silvicultural Rx Method Category	wui	Total Acres
		Sawtimber	Restoration	Commercial	Even-aged regeneration		7,000
Mixed conifer	PIGL/LIBO	Sawtimber	Restoration, Fuels Reduction	Commercial	Even-aged regeneration	Y	10,400
12. Manual Marca a	POL	Restoration, Fuels Reduction	Non- commercial	Thinning	Y	2,400	
		Sawtimber	Fuels Reduction	Commercial	Even-aged regeneration	Y	5,800
Pure spruce	PIGL/VASC	Sawtimber	Structural Diversity	Commercial	Uneven-aged regeneration		3,700
		POL	Fuels Reduction	Non- commercial	Thinning	Y	700

30,000

Size Class Definitions:

Sawtimber: \geq 9.0 inches dbh

Product Other Than Lumber (POL): ≥ 5.0 inches dbh and < 9.0 inches dbh

	Habitat		Total Canopy Closure Class ¹			
Stand Type	Туре	Size Class	< 40%	≥ 40% and < 70%	> 70% 2,200 1,400 2,200 400	Total Acres
Mixed	PIGL/LIBO	Sawtimber	3,200	12,000	2,200	17,400
conifer		POL	0	0 1,000	1,400	2,400
Pure	PIGL/VASC	Sawtimber	900	6,400	2,200	9,500
spruce		POL	0	300	400	700
			4,100	19,700	6,200	30,000

 Table 2. Estimated treatment acres by total canopy closure.

¹Total canopy closure applies to all tree species \geq 1.0 inches dbh.

Stand Type	Habitat Type	Size Class	Management Area	Total Acres
-94 A.Y		Sawtimber	4.1	2,700
Mixed conifer		Sawtimber	5.1	14,700
	PIGL/LIBO	POL	4.1	200
		POL	5.1	2,200
	PIGL/VASC	Sawtimber	4.1	1,200
Pure spruce		Sawtimber	5.1	8,300
		POL	4.1	100
		POL	5.1	600
				30,000

 Table 3. Estimated treatment acres by Forest Plan Management Area.

Management Areas:

- 4.1 Limited Motorized Use and Forest Product Emphasis
- 5.1 Resource Production Emphasis

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Stand Type	Habitat Type	Size Class	Silvicultural Rx Method Category	wui	Total Acres
Mixed		Sawtimber	Even-aged regeneration		7,000
conifer PIGL/LIBO	Sawtimber	Even-aged regeneration	Y	10,400	
Pure spruce PIGL/		Sawtimber	Even-aged regeneration	Y	5,800
	PIGL/VASC	Sawtimber	Uneven-aged regeneration ²		3,700
	N.				26,900

²Total estimated acres in pure spruce stands, uneven-aged management represent total stand acres, not the estimated treatment footprint (group selection).

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February 1, 2022

Treatment acre estimates are based on the following:

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NH	444	15,776	2017-2018
		18,157	

- Stand conditions were projected to a common year of 2022 in the Forest Vegetation Simulator.
- Stand types, habitat types, and stand sizes were assessed for overlap and adjacency to the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).
- The total estimated area for the white source forest type is based on the total area designated as white spruce forest, 33,644 acres, per the November 3, 2021, FSVeg forest inventory database.
- Estimated treatment acres were expanded by a factor of 1.19 based upon 11,427 acres of potential treatment stands derived from the CSE dataset and total estimated white spruce acres available for management, 13,644 acres (area exceeding 20,000 acres to be maintained for white spruce per Forest Plan Objective 23-LVD, see below).

239-LVD. ***NEW**. Manage for 20,000 acres of spruce across the Forest using active management to achieve multiple-use objectives. Treat spruce within 200 feet of buildings, where spruce has encroached into hardwoods, and for emphasis species management.

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Feature	Buffer	File Name Power300 Diss	
PowerLines	300'		
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Recreation sites	½ mile	RecResHalf Diss	
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POD boundaries	300'	POD300_diss	

Table 1. Estimated treatment acres by stand type, size class, forest products emphasis, and silviculturalRx method category.

Size Class Definitions:

Stand Type	Habitat Type	Size Class	Primary Objective	Forest Products Emphasis	Silvicultural Rx Method Category	wui	Total Acres
1		Sawtimber	Restoration	Commercial	Even-aged regeneration		3,025
Mixed white conifer spruce/twinflower	white	Sawtimber	Restoration, Fuels Reduction	Commercial	Even-aged regeneration	Y	4,475
	spruce/twinflower	POL	Restoration	Non- commercial	Uneven-aged regeneration		575
		POL	Restoration, Fuels Reduction	Non- commercial	Thinning	Y	1,000
	ma la Sana	Sawtimber	Fuels Reduction	Commercial	Even-aged regeneration	Y	2,450
Pure spruce	white spruce/grouse whortleberry	Sawtimber	Structural Diversity	Commercial	Uneven-aged regeneration		1,550
		POL	Fuels Reduction	Non- commercial	Uneven-aged regeneration	Y	300
							13,375

Sawtimber: ≥ 9.0 inches dbh; Product Other Than Lumber (POL): ≥ 5.0 inches dbh and < 9.0 inches dbh

Table 2. Estimated treatment acres by total canopy closure.

Stand			Total Canopy Cover Class ¹			
Туре	Habitat Type	Size Class	< 40%	≥ 40% and < 70%	> 70%	Total Acres
Mixed	white	Sawtimber	1,375	5,175	950	7,500
conifer spruce/twinflower	spruce/twinflower	POL	100	750	725	1,575
Pure	white	Sawtimber	350	2,675	975	4,000
spruce	spruce/grouse whortleberry	POL	0	150	150	300
			1,825	8,750	2,800	13,375

¹Total canopy closure applies to all tree species \ge 1.0 inches dbh.

Stand Type	Habitat Type	Size Class	Management Area	Total Acres
	white spruce/twinflower	Sawtimber	4.1	1,200
		Sawtimber	5.1	6,300
Mixed conifer		POL	4.1	425
		POL	5.1	1,150
	white spruce/grouse whortleberry	Sawtimber	4.1	500
D		Sawtimber	5.1	3,500
Pure spruce		POL	4.1	25
		POL	5.1	275
				13,375

 Table 3. Estimated treatment acres by Forest Plan Management Area.

Management Areas:

4.1 - Limited Motorized Use and Forest Product Emphasis

5.1 - Resource Production Emphasis

Table 4. Estimated commercial forest products harvest acres.	Table 4.	Estimated	commercial	forest	products	harvest acres.
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Stand Type	Habitat Type	Size Class	Silvicultural Rx Method Category	WUI	Total Acres
Mixed		Sawtimber	Even-aged regeneration		3,025
conifer	white spruce/twinflower	Sawtimber	Even-aged regeneration	Y	4,475
Pure	white spruce/grouse	Sawtimber	Even-aged regeneration	Y	2,450
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²Total estimated acres in pure spruce stands, uneven-aged management represent total stand acres, not the estimated treatment footprint (group selection).

Table 5. Average total canopy cover by stand type, size class, and diameter range, all species.

		Canopy Cover				
Stand Type	Size Class	Trees 5.0 - 8.9 inches dbh	Trees ≥ 9.0 inches dbh	Trees ≥ 1.0 inches dbh		
Mixed conifer	Sawtimber	20	36	56		
Mixed conifer	POL	41	25	67		
Pure spruce	Sawtimber	21	40	60		
Pure spruce	POL	39	26	68		

Stand Size		Q	nes dbh)		
	Size Class	All Species	White spruce	Ponderosa Pine	Aspen
Mixed	Sawtimber	13.2	12.7	15.5	11.2
conifer	POL	12.1	11.9	14.2	9.9
Pure	Sawtimber	12.9	12.7	17.0	12.0
spruce	POL	11.3	11.2	14.2	11.0

Table 6. QMD by stand type by size class and species, trees \ge 9.0 inches dbh.

Table 7. QMD by stand type by size class and species, trees \ge 5.0-8.9 inches dbh.

Chand		Quadratic Mean Diameter (trees 5.0-8.9 inches dbh)						
Stand Size	Size Class	All Species	White spruce	Ponderosa Pine	Aspen			
Mixed	Sawtimber	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.3			
conifer	POL	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.5			
Pure	Sawtimber	7.3	7.3	6.9	7.7			
spruce	POL	7.1	7.1	7.2				

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Inventory	Report	Source	Estimated	Sampling	No. Plots
1987	Timber. Forest, Pest and Cooprative Forestry Management 1988	R2	17,493	unknown	24
1995	Public Evalidator	NRS-FIA	50,800	24.45%	11
2001 - 2005	Public Evalidator	NRS-FIA	49,938	32.34%	11
2007 - 2011	Public Evalidator	NRS-FIA	49,839	30.74%	10
2007 - 2011	Walters et. 2011	NRS-FIA	51,600	unknown	unknown
2013 - 2019	Public Evalidator	NRS-FIA	57,367	20.30%	23
2017-2019	Custom Database	NRS-FIA	52,047	21.78%	23

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1995	Public Evalidator	NRS-FIA	50,800	24.45%	63.39%	11	38,379	63,221	18,600	81,592
2001 - 2005	Public Evalidator	NRS-FIA	49,938	32.34%	63.39%	11	33,788	66,088	18,284	81,592
2007 - 2011	Public Evalidator	NRS-FIA	49,839	30.74%	60.25%	10	34,518	65,160	19,811	79,867
2007 - 2011	Walters et. 2011	NRS-FIA	51,600	unknown	unknown	unknown	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2013 - 2019	Public Evalidator	NRS-FIA	57,367	20.30%	39.79%	23	45,721	69,013	34,542	80,192
2017-2019	Custom Database	NRS-FIA	52,047	21.78%	42.69%	23	40,711	63,383	29,829	74,265

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