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PROGRAM PARTICIPANT  
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RE: CONTRACT #XXXXXXXXXCE

Dear PARTICIPANT:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wants to assist you with the implementation of the forestry practices in your conservation program contract. There are several options for obtaining the technical assistance you need. These are: contracting with a forester on the NRCS Technical Services Provider (TSP) registry (you may already be working with a TSP forester); from your local NRCS office staff, where available; or from the Maine Forest Service (MFS).

NRCS in Maine has entered into a partnership agreement with MFS to provide technical assistance to assist you with forestry practice implementation. The MFS can help you with the design, layout and checkout of forestry practices in your contract. See the list of practices on page 2. Successful completion of these tasks is necessary for NRCS to pay you, according to the terms of your contract.

By working with MFS you can work with a licensed forestry consultant listed on the MFS Stewardship Forester list (you may already be working with one of these foresters). You and your Stewardship Forester are free to negotiate the fees for the services provided. Under this agreement, the MFS would reimburse you for your actual cost for the services, but not more than the rates on page 2. The same would be true if you choose to hire a TSP forester directly.

To see the list of Stewardship Foresters, visit [http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpm/wwi/DOCS/Stew\\_Foresters\\_web.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/fpm/wwi/DOCS/Stew_Foresters_web.pdf), or contact Andy Shultz, Maine Forest Service Landowner Outreach Forester, at 207-287-8430, email [andrew.h.shultz@maine.gov](mailto:andrew.h.shultz@maine.gov).

Information about TSP foresters is available at <https://techreg.sc.egov.usda.gov/CustLocateTSP.aspx>, or contact your local NRCS office.



**Not-To-Exceed Rates:**

<b>Practice – Scenario</b>	<b>Scenario Unit</b>	<b>Design</b>	<b>Installation</b>
Forest Std Imp. (666) - comp. control for regeneration	acre	\$73	\$77
Forest Std Imp. (666) - crop/mast tree release	acre	\$19	\$134
Forest Std Imp. (666) - mech. inv. species control	acre	\$18	\$19
Forest Std Imp. (666) - sanitation cutting	acre	\$73	\$77
Forest Std Imp. (666) - spot spray of inv. exotics	acre	\$73	\$77
Forest Std Imp. (666) – thinning of sapling stands	acre	\$36	\$39
Forest Std Imp. (666) - thinning for wildlife	acre	\$36	\$39
Forest Trails/Landings (655) - landing/landing repair	acre	\$512	\$665
Forest Trails/Landings (655) - no water bars or fabric	foot	\$0.30	\$ 0.44
Forest Trails/Landings (655) - water bars and fabric	foot	\$0.30	\$0.44
Tree/Shrub Est. (612) - all trees w/ shelters and mats	acre	\$55	\$37
Tree/Shrub Pruning (660) - 0 to 9 ft or 9 to 17 ft	tree	\$0.22	\$0.44
Tree/Shrub Site Prep (490) - all sites	acre	\$53	\$56

If you need help choosing a Stewardship Forester, or if you have any questions about obtaining assistance from MFS, contact Andy Shultz.

**If you do NOT wish MFS to assist you with your contract, you must contact your local NRCS office within 45 calendar days of the date of this notice to decline this option.** After the 45 day response period, your contact information will be sent to the MFS. The MFS will then contact you to explain the rest of the procedure. However, at any time during this process you may decline the services of the MFS and request to hire another TSP forester.

Sincerely,

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State Conservationist

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