
ENHANCEMENT: Improve pine forest habitat by thinning to a basal area between 60 and 40 square feet per acre.

DESCRIPTION

By reducing tree density and opening the canopy, sunlight reaches the forest floor and improves cover, browse and wild legumes in the forest under story. That will improve wildlife habitat on your farm.

This activity involves commercial and non-commercial thinning of pine stands that can tolerate reduction to a relatively low basal area between 60 and 40 square feet of basal area per acre.

The \$30 per acre enhancement payment is based on the acreage of forest thinned.

REQUIREMENTS

Include these practice requirements in the conservation plan:

- Thin pine stand(s) to basal area between 60 and 40 square feet per acre.
- Follow a forest management prescription developed by a registered forester or qualified TSP.
- Remove the logs from the stand.
- Manage any logging deck as a permanent wildlife opening.

Maintain records of the practice using the table on the back of this sheet.

RECORDKEEPING: In order to verify compliance with the requirements, use this form to document the implementation and maintenance of this enhancement.

Burn Plan Was Prepared By (Person)	NCDFR Burn Permit Obtained On (Date)	Fire Breaks Were Prepared On (Date)	Burn Conducted On (Date)	Date Checked