WCA & PCD Climate Smart Commodities (CSC) Payment Rates

| **Practice Category** | **Reimbursement Rate** |
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| **Forest Health Assessment and Planning** | New Forest Management Plan:* 0 to 20 acres: $1,670
* 21-100 acres: $2,490
* 101 to 250 acres: $4,020
* 251 to 500 acres: $5,820
* >500 acres: $7,320
 | Plan Update:* <100 acres: $1,200
* >100 acres: $1,800
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| Indigenous Stewardship Methods Evaluation:* Up to full producer cost
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| **Early Stand Development** | Climate Adapted Species Planting: * Up to $695 / acre
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| Competing Vegetation Management:* $200-300 / acre
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| Planted Stand Monitoring:* $50-100 / acre
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| Tree/Shrub Site Preparation:* Up to $500 / acre
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| Restoration of Rare and Declining Species* $20 / acre up to full producer cost
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| Brush Management:* $100 / acre up to full producer cost
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| **Extended Rotation Forest Management**  | Pre-Commercial Thinning:* $300-595 / acre
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| Commercial thinning:* Funding is to support financially marginal projects. Can be first-entry thinning or additional thinnings to enhance carbon storage and climate resiliency.
* Up to $1,200 per project toward equipment mobilization costs plus $125 - $250 / acre.
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| **Woody Residue Management** | Retention of Snags, Dens, Trees, Coarse Woody Debris during Harvest* $500/acre
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| Alternative Slash Management* $500/acre
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| **Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Forest Resilience** | Prescribed Burning Plan* $950 up to full producer cost
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| Prescribed Burning* $500/acre
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| Fuel Break* $1,500 up to full producer cost
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| **Riparian Buffer Establishment and Maintenance** | Riparian Forest Buffer Establishment* $2,000 - $4,000 / acre

Riparian Forest Buffer Maintenance* $500 / acre
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\*Underserved audiences as defined by NRCS receive an additional 20% increase in listed payment rates. As a cost-share program, no reimbursement will exceed the full practice cost.

\*\*Forest management plans will be NRCS compliant and include design and implementation activities.