



## **North Carolina Forest Service**

### **Prescribed Burning Rates for Calendar Year 2021**

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#### **Site Preparation Burning**

The rate listed below is for all types of site preparation burning to prepare forestry sites for tree planting or natural regeneration:

**Cost/Acre = \$45\***

#### **Non-Site Preparation Burning**

The rate listed below is for all types of non-site preparation burning (ex. in-stand; silvicultural; wildlife habitat; hazard-reduction):

**Cost/Acre = \$30\***

***\*Note - a \$350 minimum charge will apply for all burning types and contracts, including fireline installation-only contracts.***

*The flat per acre rate for prescribed burning includes the costs for equipment transport & equipment/material used during the burn. This includes costs associated with all types of fireline installation, if the North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS) has also been contracted to conduct the burn.*

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#### **Equipment Rates for Fireline Installation-Only (NCFS Not Contracted to Conduct Burn)**

All dozer/tractor tach hours for fireline installation-only contracts will be charged at the NCFS's current calendar year equipment rate. Actual tach hours will be charged according to the following rates:

<b>Dozer/Tractor Type</b>	<b>2021 NCFS Equipment Rates</b>
Type 1	\$126 per tach hour
Type 2	\$105 per tach hour
Type 3	\$90 per tach hour
Type 4	\$79 per tach hour

#### **Burning Costs Associated with Threatened & Endangered Species**

When individual trees must be protected during prescribed burns (ex. protecting cavity trees for Red Cockaded Woodpeckers), an additional charge of **\$25 per tree** will be added to the total cost of burning.