

Variable Thinning

The removal of trees to control stand spacing and favour desired trees using a combination of thinning criteria/methods without regard to crown position.

Eligibility Criteria:

- * Applicable to stands of a patchy uneven-aged or multi-stage nature which do not qualify for a single treatment but which would benefit from a combination of treatments.
- * Treatment combinations may include S.N.B. activities and/or a combination of government funded activities and/or improvement cutting.
- * This assistance shall not be available for stands which qualify for government assistance.
- * The assistance rate will be based on conducting one full treatment of variable thinning comprised of a weighted average rate per activity based upon established silviculture rates. i.e.: the rate calculation for a patchy stand requiring that 50% pre-commercially thinned; 25% release cutting and 20% should be semi-commercially thinned would be as follows:

<u>Treatment</u>	<u>% of Area</u>		<u>100% Rate/Hectare</u>		
<u>Assistance/Hectare</u>					
Pre-Commercial	50%	X	\$706	=	\$353.00
Release Cutting	25%	X	\$250	=	\$ 62.50
Pre-Merchantable	20%	X	\$600	=	<u>\$120.00</u>
Total Assistance Rate Available:					\$535.50

Inspection Criteria:

- * The entire area being funded must be worked through.
- * Treatments of individual micro sites must be consistent with the relevant criteria. (i.e.: PCT densities, commercial thinning densities, etc.)
- * All merchantable wood must be prepared for extraction

S.N.B. Fund Assistance Rate: calculated rate.

