North Carolina Forest Service
Prescribed Burning Rates for Calendar Year 2023
(Updated 12/30/22)

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 = $50*

Non-Site Preparation Burning
The rate listed below is for all types of non-site preparation burning (ex. understory; silvicultural; wildlife habitat; hazard-reduction):

Cost/Acre = $35*

*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 Construction Only (NCFS Not Contracted to Conduct Burn)
All dozer/tractor tach hours for fireline construction-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:

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<th>Dozer/Tractor Type</th>
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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.