



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.

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:

Dozer/Tractor Type	2023 NCFS Equipment Rates
Type 1	\$130 per tach hour
Type 2	\$109 per tach hour
Type 3	\$93 per tach hour
Type 4	\$82 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.