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Forest Stand Improvement
Payment ~ $192 – $457/acre
• Crop tree release
• Pre-Commercial Thinning
• Competition control
• Patch cutting
• Silviculture for timber/songbird habitat (single-tree selection and small group prescriptions)
• Girdling

Forest Trails and Landings
Basic – Payment ~ $1.88/foot
• Shaping, grading moderate slopes
• Installing trails and log landings
• Erosion control, revegetation

Woods Road, Landings and Trail Closeouts
Moderate – Payment ~ $1.15-$2.84/foot
• Light rehabilitation and revegetation
• Removal and revegetation
Severe – Payment ~ $2.84-$4.60/foot
• Rebuild or reroute for severe erosion
• Removal and revegetation

Early Successional Habitat Management
Payment ~ $71.60 – $494/acre
• Brush hogging
• Patch cutting with equipment (light, moderate or heavy)
• Patch cutting with hand tools (chainsaw)

Brush Management - Invasive Woody Plant Control
Payment ~ $17.37 - $495/acre
• Manual control (light, medium, heavy)
• Chemical control (light, medium, heavy)

Herbaceous Invasive Plant Control
Payment ~ $35 – $929/acre
• Manual control (light, medium, heavy)
• Chemical control (light, medium, heavy)

Access Control
Payment ~ $300/structure/acre
• Vehicle gate or fence
Payment ~ $0.90-$11.04/foot
• Wildlife fence, farm gate, other

Access Road
Payment ~ $4.84-$12.94 /foot
• Haul roads, truck roads
• Gravel, dips, grading

Forest Stream Crossing
Payment ~ $2.16-$72.48/square foot
• Timber deck skidder bridge
• Culvert
• Low water stone ford
• Pre-cast concrete bridge
• Abutments for use with temporary bridge

Forest Stream Habitat Improvement
Payments Vary Widely
Payment ~ $4604/acre
• Riparian Zone Improvement
Payment ~ $39/cubic yard
• Chop and drop trees in/along stream
Payment ~ $62.84/cubic yard
• Place boulders for step or riffle-pool
Payment ~ $65,000+/acre
• High Habitat Value Stream Restoration

Aquatic Organism Passage
Payments Vary Widely
Examples:
• Remove undersized or perched culvert
• Upsize/replace larger culvert or bridge
Payment ~ $42.25– $69.16/sq. foot
• Decommissioning bridge and abutments
Payment ~ $6882/structure

Structures for Wildlife
Payment ~ $17.66 – $498/structure

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- Nestboxes
- Bat houses
- Osprey/Eagle nesting platform

**Restoration of Rare or Declining Communities**
Payment ~ $4584/ acre
- Creating vernal pools

**Upland Wildlife Habitat Management**
Payment ~ $4.48 – $235.98/each
- Snags
- Mast tree release
- Downed logs, large

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