



MARYLAND FOREST SERVICE PRESCRIBED BURNING AGREEMENT



The Maryland Forest Service recognizes that under certain conditions the use of fire by prescription on specifically designated areas is a desirable procedure in preparing an area for reforestation, for controlling the growth of undesirable species of trees, shrubs and vegetation, wildfire hazard reduction, enhancing habitat and for other purpose.

The Maryland Forest Service, in an effort to aid landowners to develop the forest resources of the state, enters into an agreement with the landowner as follows;

It is mutually agreed by _____ (Landowner) on behalf of himself, and the Maryland Forest Service, that the Landowner does herein request the advice and service of the Maryland Forest Service to carry out a prescribed burning project for forestry purposes, of an approximate _____ acres(s) in Click to Select County, Maryland.

BURNS	ACRES	HRS.-Ft.	TOTAL
TYPE OF BURN: Click to Select Type			
FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION and day of burn \$75/hr			
TOTAL TO BE BILLED			

A. The landowner agrees to:

1. Reimburse the Maryland Forest Service the total amount due for all services, supplies and equipment cost as agreed upon. Payment is due within thirty (30) days of receipt of an itemized statement. Rate schedule included.
2. Light the initial fire on the area to be burned.
3. The Landowner agrees to protect, indemnify, and save harmless the State of Maryland, its officers, agents, and employees against all claims, demands, causes of action and liability of any kind arising out of or sustained by virtue of the performance of this Agreement. This responsibility in no way may be deemed a wavier of any and all immunities the Department may have.
4. Notify all neighboring landowners, local fire departments, county air quality officials and others as may be deemed necessary by the Maryland Forest Service representatives no later than one day in advance of the burning operation.
5. Observe the forest fire laws and secure an open air burning permit and observe air pollution regulations of Maryland pertaining to this prescribed burning operation.

6. Comply with the Prescribed Burning Plan approved by the Maryland Forest Service.
- B. The Landowner is advised to obtain comprehensive liability insurance to cover bodily injury and property damage.
- C. The Maryland Forest Service will:
1. Prepare or approve a Prescribed Burning Plan
 2. Prepare a sketch map and designate the prescribed burning area by flagging or other means. The sketch map will become a part of this agreement and show proposed locations of exterior and interior fire line on the tract.
 3. Make available, at previously prescribed rates, personnel and equipment of the Maryland Forest service to advise and assist the Landowner to conduct a safe and efficient prescribed burn.
- D. It is understood that this agreement becomes a part of the Prescribed Burning Plan for the above-described property.

This Agreement shall be in effect from _____ to _____.

Witness Signature Date

Landowner Signature Date

Witness Signature Date

Regional Forester Date
Maryland Forest Service