

**Application for Pennington & Meade County Landowners
For Forest Thinning Grant
*Pennington Conservation District***

Applicant Information

Name of applicant: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Alternate Number/Email: _____
Number of Acres Applied for this grant: _____
Location of Acreage (address, county): _____
Contract cost Per Acre: _____
Cost still pending? (circle one): Yes No
Date expected to begin work: _____

Project Details:

The cost share is 50/50, with the conservation district paying 50% of the cost **OR** a maximum of \$325/acre, whichever is less. The maximum cost is based on \$450/acre for thinning and \$200/acre for slash disposal (must be done at time of thinning). Total for both is \$650/acre total.
Example 1: Project cost = \$900/acre. Since 50% of the cost (\$450/acre) is greater than \$325/acre, the district would pay \$325/acre toward the landowner's costs.
Example 2: Project cost = \$550/acre. 50% of the cost (\$275/acre) is less than \$325/acre, so the district would pay \$275/acre toward the landowner's costs.

Landowners must have a minimum of five contiguous acres in need of thinning. (Applications from landowners with fewer acres would be considered depending on availability of funds, need, and adjacency to other treatments.)

The conservation district reserves the right to limit the number of acres/dollars allocated to an individual landowner.

Thinning will be defined as thinning in pine stands with an average diameter at breast height (DBH) of six inches or less and/or conifer removal from hardwood stands to improve forest health and increase species diversity.

All thinning slash must be treated to meet the minimum SD Logging Slash Abandonment and Treatment Standards.

Landowners will be required to maintain project areas for ten years following completion of the project including the control of invasive species.

Requirements for grant money are based on the criteria set by the grant and the goals identified in the board approved Pennington Conservation District plan, as submitted to the State Department of Agriculture each year.

If you answer YES to the questions below, please explain when/how. If you answer NO please explain why not, and what you are planning. This grant will run from July 1st, 2019 thru June 30th, 2020. All work must be done with the requests for payment in by June 15th, 2020.

Does the applicant have a current (no older than 10 years) Thinning plan, or Forest Stewardship Plan approved by South Dakota Resource Conservation & Forestry or a Forest Management Plan approved by NRCS prior to this application?

Circle One: Yes No Pending

If pending, expected date of completion: _____

Who did the plan? _____

The plan identifies that the practice Forest Stand Improvement will be applied to achieve pre-commercial thinning of a forest stand for improving tree vigor and health. Will this practice be completed under this application?

Yes ___ No ___

The plan identifies that Forest Slash Treatment is needed for the treatment area. This is above and beyond "lop-and-scatter" and includes pile and burn, removal or chipping. Forest Slash Treatment will be applied to the thinned acres. Critical Area Seeding will be applied for burn pile areas to discourage noxious weeds. Will these practices be applied under this application?

Yes _____ (which practice) No _____ (what is the plan)

Is there a current full-time inhabited residence(s) or access to a residential area that thinning in this area would benefit in the case of fire or other emergencies?

Yes _____ No _____

Your signature indicates that you are in agreement with the grant stipulations, and that the applicant will allow authorized personnel to enter the property for the purpose of verifying that the work has been done and in compliance with the grant specifications. Any Conservation District Representative planning to enter the property will first attempt to contact the landowner. Landowners should notify the district of any phone number or contact changes. Because continued eligibility for grant money will depend on appropriate use of this grant, we ask that awarded landowners notify the district as soon as possible if they are not going to be able to use the grant money. This allows the Conservation District to offer the acres to another landowner.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date:** _____

Please return to:

Pennington Conservation District
414 E Stumer Rd., Suite 300
Rapid City, SD 57701
Phone: (605) 342-0301
Email: Lindsay.mader@sd.nacdnet.net

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Points: _____ Acres approved for thinning _____
Acres approved for slash treatment _____ Not to exceed \$ _____