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AFC now accepting applications for SPB PRP

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. – The Arkansas Forestry Commission is now accepting applications from Arkansas forest owners for assistance through the Southern Pine Beetle Prevention and Restoration Program (SPB PRP) for 2010.

Projects eligible for funding include first commercial thinning of dense pine stands with a basal area of more than 120 square feet per acre. Landowners may receive \$30 per acre, and loggers are eligible for a payment of \$2,500 per tract (or one deeded property), for up to nine tracts per state fiscal year (July 1 through June 30.)

Landowners in the following counties are encouraged to apply: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Crittenden, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Faulkner, Garland, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Logan, Lonoke, Miller, Monroe, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Perry, Phillips, Pike, Polk, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline, Scott, Sebastian, Sevier, St. Francis, Union, White, Woodruff and Yell.

Applications should be submitted through the local AFC office. A management plan must be written by an AFC County Forester and approval must be received from AFC headquarters in Little Rock before any work is started. The AFC County Forester will certify the thinning was properly completed and program requirements were met prior to disbursement of any funds.

For more information about the Arkansas Forestry Commission, visit www.arkansasforestry.org or call (501) 296-1940.

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