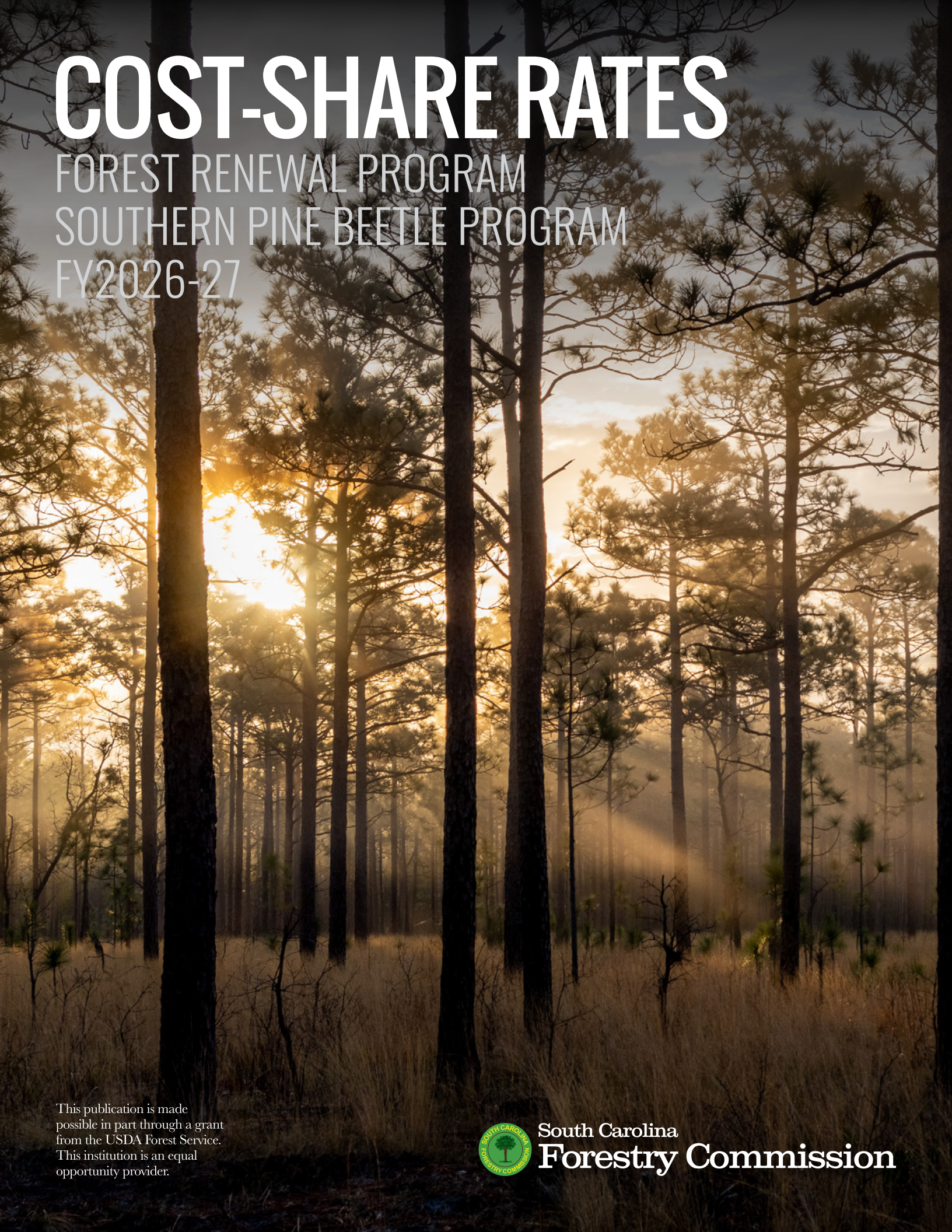

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FOREST RENEWAL PROGRAM
SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PROGRAM
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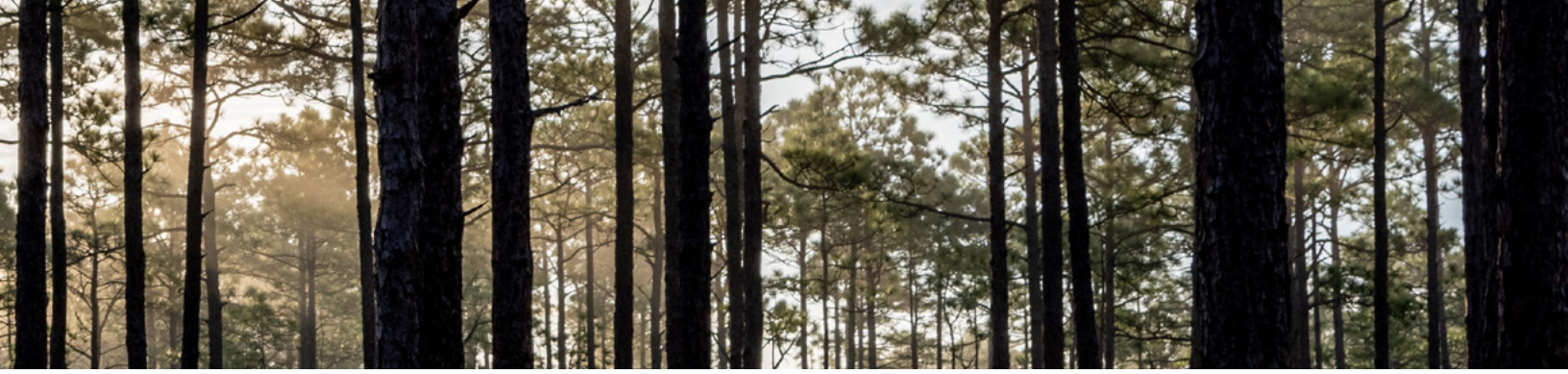
FOR FRP/SPB IN 2026-27

Practice	Code	Forest Renewal Program (FRP) Maximum rate/acre*	Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) Maximum rate/acre*
Solid Planting			
Loblolly	PO102	$60	$75
Longleaf, Container	PO122	$87	$109
Hardwood	PO132	$92	$115
V-blade Planting			
Loblolly	PO102VB	$75	$94
Longleaf, Container	PO122VB	$107	$134
Spot Planting			
Loblolly	PO202	$12/100, $36 max.	$15/100, $45 max.
Longleaf, Container	PO222	$14/100, $42 max.	$17/100, $51 max.
Hardwood	PO232	$22/100, $66 max.	$27/100, $81 max.
Mechanical Site Prep			
Site Prep: Light Mechanical	**SO101**	**$67**	**$84**
Plant: Loblolly	SO102	$60	$75
Longleaf, Container	SO122	$87	$109
Hardwood	SO132	$92	$115
Site Prep: Medium/Heavy Mechanical	**SO301**	**$143**	**$179**
Plant: Loblolly	SO302	$60	$75
Longleaf, Container	SO322	$87	$109
Hardwood	SO332	$92	$115
Mechanical and Chemical Site Prep			
Site Prep: Medium/Heavy Mechanical	**SO601**	**$143**	**$179**
Site Prep: Chemical	**SO611**	**$48**	**$60**
Plant: Loblolly	SO602	$60	$75
Longleaf, Container	SO622	$87	$109
Hardwood	SO632	$92	$115

* The South Carolina Forestry Commission will reimburse the landowner 40% of the actual cost of the practice not to exceed the maximum per-acre rate for FRP and 50% for SPB. For pre-commercial thinning, the SCFC will reimburse the landowner 60% of the actual cost not to exceed the maximum per-acre rate.



Practice	Code	Forest Renewal Program (FRP) Maximum rate/acre*	Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) Maximum rate/acre*
Chemical Site Prep	**CO501**	**$48**	**$60**
Burn**	CO511	$16	$20
Plant: Loblolly	CO502	$60	$75
Longleaf, Container	CO522	$87	$109
Hardwood	CO532	$92	$115
V-blade Planting: Loblolly	CO502VB	$75	$94
Longleaf, Container	CO522VB	$107	$134
Post Plant Chemical	**CO601**	**$32**	**NA**
Plant: Loblolly	CO602	$60	NA
Longleaf, Container	CO622	$87	NA
Hardwood	CO632	$92	NA
V-blade Planting: Loblolly	CO602VB	$75	NA
Longleaf, Container	CO622VB	$107	NA
Herbaceous Weed Control			
Band Spray	HO101	$16	$20
Timber Stand Improvement			
Heavy	TO303	$32	NA
Pre-commercial Thinning			
Light	PT101	N/A	60% of Cost, max $30/acre
Heavy	PT301	N/A	60% of Cost, max $127/acre
Natural Regeneration			
Pine	NO104	NA	NA
Hardwood	NO205	$44	NA
Subsoil (for planting)	SU101	$12	$15
Scalp (for planting)	SC101	$10	$12

** Burning is cost-shared only if it is done as prescribed and meets smoke management guidelines, is needed for better planting and seedling survival, and is recommended by a forester.

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LANDOWNER GUIDANCE

FOR COST-SHARE PAYMENTS

To ensure cost-share payment under any of the state or federal reforestation or afforestation cost-share programs administered by the South Carolina Forestry Commission, landowners must comply with the following:

- **All practices conducted on the site must be done in accordance with the forest management plan approved by the SCFC forester and SC's Best Management Practices for Forestry.** All practices prescribed in the management plan must be completed to receive cost-share assistance. Changes in prescriptions are allowable but must be approved by the SCFC forester before being implemented. **Any practices completed on the site that are either 1) not pre-approved by the SCFC or 2) done before notification of funding are ineligible for cost-share assistance.**
- **Complete all tree planting operations by March 15.** Tree planting after this date must be approved by the SCFC forester before planting and may only be granted if weather conditions are favorable as determined by the SCFC forester. Other practices, such as site preparation and release work, should be completed within the months recommended in the management plan.
- **Provide within 30 days after the work is completed the itemized bills and receipts showing practice, cost per acre, contractor, payment and date work completed for the approved practices.** For practices that include herbicide application, a copy of the herbicide applicators report detailing the chemicals applied, rates and the date of application should be obtained from the vendor and attached to the invoice. Failure to follow this procedure may forfeit your cost-share payment.
- **Practices not completed prior to the expiration date will be canceled and the funding reallocated to another landowner.** Note that an extension may be granted by the SCFC pending a review of extenuating circumstances (i.e. natural disaster, personal hardship or some other circumstance beyond the landowner's control). Landowners who wish to have an extension must submit a request in writing to the SCFC 30 days prior to expiration. The letter must state the situation and/or reason for not completing the work within the time allotted.
- **The landowner will be obligated to return all cost-share payments received if the eligible land is not maintained in a forested condition for a period of 10 years.** There must be a minimum of 300 well-spaced seedlings per acre surviving at the end of the first growing season.

This guidance is to ensure practices are carried out properly and will allow the SCFC to conduct compliance checks promptly after the work is completed. Our goal is to ensure quality reforestation and to provide prompt payment of cost-share funds.

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