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Financial Assistance for Southern Pine Beetle Prevention

The Alabama Forestry Commission is inviting landowners to participate in its Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) Prevention Cost-Share Program. The goal of the program is to assist landowners financially with forest management practices that would decrease the chances of their pine stands becoming infested with SPB. The program launched on April 1, 2022, and the application portal will remain open for a few months.

There are a few criteria that landowners must meet to be eligible for the cost-share program: (1) The land must be privately owned and located in the state of Alabama. (2) The property or stand which landowners wish to enroll cannot already be enrolled in another cost-share program (such as CRP). (3) Finally, any stand on the property landowners want to enroll must be 10 acres or more.

To apply for either the first thinning practice or the tree planting practice of the SPB cost-share program, please visit the AFC website at www.forestry.alabama.gov, look under News & Events, and click on the link: "Financial Assistance for Southern Pine Beetle Prevention."

For more information or if you have questions regarding the Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Cost-Share Program, please email AFC Forest Health Coordinator Austin Reese at austin.reese@forestry.alabama.gov, or contact your local Alabama Forestry Commission office.

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