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September 12, 2025

Re: Round 61 Call for Applications for Forestry Futures Silviculture Projects

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 61st call for applications for silviculture funding from the Forestry Futures Trust (FFT). We encourage you to submit applications for eligible work by the deadline of Friday, October 17, 2025.

Applications should include a wood supply analysis, emphasize the cost effectiveness of described treatments, and demonstrate that treatment areas have been surveyed for accuracy. Funding preference will be given to projects which are on productive sites, have good access, and are an economical distance from the mill.

Silviculture project application and budget forms can be found on our website (www.forestryfutures.com) under 'Forms and Reports/Downloadable Forms'. We ask that you download and submit *only* the most current versions of these forms.

The FFTC Silviculture Project Application Guide (revised January 2025) is provided with this letter and also available for download from our website. We recommend that you review it for an understanding of the four eligibility categories: Intensive Stand Management, Stand Rehabilitation of Natural Disturbances, Pest Control, and Insolvency. Appendix 1 provides a list of project conditions currently eligible for funding in each category and Appendix 2 provides clarification of conditions under which tending treatments may be considered as eligible expenses. The Guide also outlines information that the Committee requires and uses to evaluate projects and prioritize funding allocation.

Note that Appendix 1 of the Guide has been amended to include Category 1j, which provides clarification on the eligibility of applications for follow-up treatments on previously-funded, intensive stand improvement projects. Refer to page 10 in the Guide.

You are encouraged to pay close attention and review the details found in *Considerations for Preparing an FFT Silviculture Application* (pages i and ii of the Guide). This section is regularly improved to provide clarity for applicants.

Please submit applications electronically including signatures and R.P.F. seals to Attn: FFTC Chair at admin@forestryfutures.com.

All information contained in your Project Application and supporting documentation is considered public information subject to the application of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act R.S.P. 1990. c. F. 31, and is collected under the authority of the Act.

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A submission containing incomplete information or in which key elements are missing will be returned to the applicant. Some opportunities for revisions may be provided on a case-by-case basis. Each applicant will be advised, in writing, of the Committee's decision by November 28, 2025.

The Committee would like to express its appreciation to Shelley Vescio for coordinating our silviculture program for the last 9 years. We wish her the best in her retirement that will occur at the end of this year. The FFTC is actively recruiting a qualified replacement and the employment description can be found on our website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through our office at (807) 343-8010 ext. 8503 or directly to Shelley Vescio, Program Coordinator, at (807) 343-8010 ext. 8851.

Sincerely,

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FFTC Chair