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(Neb.)-Reforestation Assistance Is Available In Burn Area From UNWNRD



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The Upper Niobrara White NRD Board of Directors voted Thursday during the regular NRD Board meeting to provide assistance by discounting tree seedlings, shrubs and seed for reforestation in the areas impacted by the 2012 wildfires in Dawes, Sheridan, Northern Sioux and Box Butte Counties.

Several options are available for assistance to begin the restoration process. For those individuals replacing shelter belts, UNWNRD will provide 50% cost share on trees, fabric, planting and installation regardless of the age of the damaged shelterbelt.

There is a \$5,000 maximum cost share amount per individual. If landowners are interested in reforestation using bare root or potted seedlings, UNWNRD will offer a 50% discount for up to 1000 bare root or 500 potted seedlings for \$500 maximum assistance per individual. UNWNRD will also offer seed for reforestation efforts to landowners at a 50% discount of the actual cost.

Five to six different varieties of seed will be made available such as ponderosa pine, aspen and select shrubs and hardwoods. UNWNRD cost will range from \$25 to \$60 per pound depending on the species.

The maximum assistance per landowner will be \$500 for seed. An additional 25% cost share may be available for reforestation projects through the Wild Nebraska Program administered by the UNWNRD and Nebraska Game & Parks Commission if planting specifications are followed.

NRCS has guidelines for grassland restoration. Please contact your local NRCS office for more details.