



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SUBJECT: STANDARDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF VACANT PARCELS

1. The required maintenance for vacant properties is based on the size of the parcels as listed below.
 - A. **Five (5) acres or smaller** shall be totally disced or mowed
 - B. **Larger than five (5) acres and smaller than twenty-five (25) acres** require fire breaks of thirty (30) feet adjacent to all developed areas, fences, or structures. The remainder of the parcel will require the appropriate number of thirty (30) foot fire breaks to segment (checkerboard) the land into four (4) acre +/- sections.
 - C. **Larger than twenty-five (25) acres** require fire breaks of thirty (30) feet adjacent to all developed areas, fences, or structures. The remainder of the parcel will require the appropriate number of thirty (30) foot firebreaks to segment (checkerboard) the land into five (5) acre +/- sections.

EXCEPTION: An approved fire access road plan may be substituted in lieu of five (5) acre segments.
2. Parcels under agricultural or pasture land use require fire breaks of (30) feet adjacent to all developed areas, fences, or structures. The remainder of the property must be mowed or disced at time of harvest or have sufficient animals present to maintain height of combustible growth at six (6) inches.
3. Fire breaks may be constructed by discing, mowing, or the use of a blade. The maximum height of combustible growth within a firebreak is six (6) inches. If a blade is used, the side boundaries of the break shall be leveled. Windrows are not permitted.
4. Parcels may be maintained to allow reasonable access for firefighting operations.
5. Rubbish and/or debris must be removed prior to any work on the property.

Discing - Discing shall include rototilling or cultivating. Discs shall be set at an angle sufficient to cut and bury the growth existing at the time.

Mowing - If this is used, the mowing shall be done each time the combustible growth exceeds six (6) inches.