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**§109. Product Categories**

A. The following categories and subgroups are to be used in determining the timber stumpage values based on current average stumpage market values to be used for severance tax computation:

1. Pine Trees and Timber;
2. Hardwood Trees and Timber;
3. Pine Chip and Saw;
4. Pine Pulpwood;
5. Hardwood Pulpwood.

B. No forestry product shall be moved from the trees and timber category to the pulpwood category or vice versa by the commissions without a prior adjudicatory hearing held in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act.

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**Chapter 5. Indian Creek Recreation Area**

**§501. General Authority and Purpose**

A. The following rules and regulations, procedures and fees replace, supersede and cancel all rules and regulations, procedures and fees adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry prior to the effective date of these rules.

B. These rules and regulations are designed to provide the proper atmosphere for the enjoyment and protection of facilities and the safety of visitors.

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**§503. Park Property and Environment**

A. The provisions of the *Louisiana Criminal Code* (R.S. 14:1 et seq.) shall be enforced at the Indian Creek Recreation Area.

B. No person shall intentionally remove, damage, disturb, or destroy any Indian Creek Recreation Area property or the property of another person, without the consent of the owner. "Property" shall include but is not limited to structures, watercraft, movables, signs, markers, natural features, cultural features, wildlife, and plants.

C. No person shall cut, destroy, or damage timber on any site, except as necessary to meet established management criteria, including insect control, public safety, and approved park construction. No timber cutting or removal may occur without the prior written permission of the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee.

D. No building, structure, or other feature of any site may be altered, erected, or constructed without written consent of the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee.

E. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed structures.

F. No person shall excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface any cultural or archaeological resource located on any site.

G. No person shall plant material or otherwise introduce plant material on any site without the written approval of the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee.

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**§505. Vehicle Use**

A. The provisions of the Louisiana Highway Regulatory Act (R.S. 32:1 et seq.) and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder shall be enforced at the Indian Creek Recreational Area property.

B. Automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, recreation vehicles, golf carts or any other wheeled vehicles must be operated only on those roads, lanes, or byways designated for vehicular traffic unless otherwise authorized by the site manager.

C. Vehicles, including recreational vehicles, motorcycles, golf carts and boat trailers, shall be parked only in designated parking areas unless otherwise authorized by the site manager.

D. No motor vehicle shall be operated without being properly licensed by the appropriate regulatory agencies. However, persons with mobility disabilities may use single-passenger, wheeled devices powered by electric motors wherever pedestrians are allowed.

E. No person shall clean, service and/or repair any vehicle on Indian Creek Recreational Area property except in emergency situations.

F. Vehicles will be considered abandoned if left unattended for more than three consecutive days unless the proper permit or advanced written approval is granted by the site manager.

G. No person shall move or remove any barrier to gain access to a restricted area.

H. All golf carts must be registered and approved with site staff. Site staff will issue permits to approved golf carts. The golf cart permit fees can be found in §533(B).

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#### §507. Watercraft

A. Federal, state, and local laws, rules and ordinances related to the use of watercraft shall be enforced. All watercraft located on or adjacent to any site must be operated in a careful and reasonable manner, and such operation is subject to the rules of safety imposed by the laws of Louisiana.

B. Every owner and operator of a motor boat, vessel or other watercraft shall comply with all flotation device requirements prescribed by state and federal law.

C. Boats shall be launched only from designated boat ramps or launching areas within a site.

D. A person renting a boat must return the boat to the original docking location after use, and secure the boat from unauthorized use. All paddles and life jackets shall be returned to the front office before closure.

E. No boat may be operated in a designated swimming area or in any other area designated as a non-boating area by signs or any area otherwise restricted from boat operation or docking.

F. Boats left docked and unattended must be properly secured in designated areas only. The Department of Agriculture and Forestry will not be responsible for any loss, theft or damage to boats, equipment, personal property or supplies left unattended.

G. Boats will be considered abandoned if left unattended for more than three consecutive days unless the proper permit or advanced written approval is granted by the site manager.

H. Water bodies or portions thereof adjacent to boat ramps, docks, swimming areas, boathouses, cabins, picnic pavilions, or other facilities shall be designated "no wake areas." Signs and/or buoys will mark the areas so designated. Violations of "no wake areas" shall be subject to citations.

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#### §509. Livestock, Animals and Pets

A. Any pet brought on Indian Creek Reservation Area property must be current in vaccinations, shall have proof of rabies vaccination, and must be leashed, caged or crated. Leashes shall not exceed 6 feet in length. With the exception of service dogs, pets are not permitted within buildings or other enclosed structures on site, nor are they allowed near designated swimming areas and in overnight facilities. Owners of pets shall be fully responsible for any injury and/or damage caused by their pet.

B. No person shall allow livestock to run or graze on any site, except as part of special programs or events approved in advance by the site manager.

C. Pets are not permitted to be left outside at an unattended campsite; this includes, but is not limited to, kenneled, tethered, or fenced.

D. All equine entering the recreation area shall be accompanied by a record of a negative Coggins test, official test for equine infectious anemia (EIA), conducted within the past 12 months. The test shall be conducted at an approved laboratory and the name of the laboratory, the case number, and the date of the test shall appear on the record.

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#### §511. Litter, Sanitation and Health

A. All litter disposed of on site, shall be placed into a proper litter receptacle in such a manner that the litter is prevented from being carried away or deposited by the elements upon Indian Creek Recreation Area property or water bodies. *Disposal* means to throw, discard, place, deposit, discharge, dump, drop, eject, or allow the escape of a substance.

B. No person shall drain or dump refuse waste including grey water from any trailer or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for such uses.

C. No person shall clean fish or other food, or wash clothing or articles of household use except in designated areas. No person shall clean or field dress any harvested animal or animals on Indian Creek Recreation Area property.

D. No person shall discharge or allow to be discharged into any waters of the state any waste or substance of any kind that will tend to cause pollution of water used for human consumption or swimming.

E. All deposits of bodily wastes into or on any portion of a comfort station or other public structure must be made in receptacles provided for that purpose. No person shall deposit any bottles, cans, cloth, rags, metal, wood, stone, or any other non-approved substance into any of the fixtures in such stations or structures.

F. No person shall use refuse containers or other refuse facilities for dumping household or commercial garbage or trash brought to a site.

G. No person shall bury or burn garbage, litter or dead animals on Indian Creek Recreation Area property.

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**§513. Fires**

A. Fires shall be built only in places specifically designated for that purpose by the site manager.

B. Burn bans declared by a local governing authority shall be observed at the parks within the jurisdiction of the local governing authority.

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**§515. Fishing, Hunting, Trapping, and the Use of Firearms or Fireworks**

A. All wildlife in Indian Creek Recreational Area sites, including reptiles and amphibians, is under strict protection and must not be hunted, molested, disturbed, destroyed, fed or removed, except for scientific or management purposes when approved by the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee.

B. Bringing or keeping any hunting dogs on Indian Creek Recreation Area property for the purpose of hunting inside or adjacent to Indian Creek Recreation Area is prohibited.

C. A person who lawfully possesses a firearm may possess or transport such firearm within the boundaries of Indian Creek Recreation Area.

D. No person shall possess, shoot, discharge or explode or cause to be shot, discharged, or exploded any fireworks or other explosives on Indian Creek Recreation Area property without prior written consent of the site manager.

E. A person fishing on Indian Creek Recreation Area property must adhere to all state and federal laws and criteria regarding fresh water fishing. The taking of fish by nets, traps or any means other than hook or line is prohibited.

F. Weapon-like toys (paintball maker, airsoft, etc.) that use compressed air or gases from any cartridge, canister or bottle and/or battery power to fire a projectile are prohibited from use at Indian Creek Recreation Area sites properties without prior written approval of the site manager.

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**§517. Swimming**

A. Swimming is permitted only in designated areas, and at the swimmer's own risk. No lifeguards will be on duty.

B. All children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at any swimming area.

C. The capacity of the beach areas is determined, regulated and enforced by the site manager.

D. Glass containers of any kind are prohibited within any perimeter boundaries of enclosed beach and swimming areas, water playgrounds and beach parks.

E. Swimming is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.

F. Proper swimming attire, as determined by the site manager or his designee, is required for those entering the water at all swimming areas and water playgrounds.

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**§519. Amplified Sound Equipment**

A. No person shall play amplified musical instruments except when approved by the site manager.

B. No person shall play non-amplified musical instruments, radios, televisions, tape players and similar equipment in a manner that disturbs other visitors.

C. No person shall use any public address system, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle-mounted, without prior approval of the site manager.

D. Remote public broadcast activities must be approved by the site manager.

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**§521. Disorderly Conduct**

A. Disorderly or boisterous conduct is forbidden.

B. The site manager and his designees are authorized to control the use and consumption of alcoholic beverages at a site. This includes the authority to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in designated areas within a site. The lawful consumption of alcoholic beverages may be allowed to the extent that such activity does not adversely affect the use and enjoyment of the site by other site users.

C. No person shall publicly display on his vehicle, campsite, clothing, person or otherwise:

1. any word or words, image, graphic or depiction that is obscene (as defined by R.S. 14:106);
2. denigrates any ethnic, racial, religious or minority group; or
3. promotes violence or illegal activity.

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**§523. Business Activities**

A. No person may sell or offer for sale any merchandise or service without the written consent of the site manager.

B. No person may distribute, post, place, or erect any advertising device without the written consent of the site manager.

C. Events

1. The site manager may allow businesses to participate in site events as a vendor.

2. The vendors must submit an application and a \$75 application fee to be considered for participation in events.

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**§525. Enforcement**

A. Persons violating these rules and regulations are subject to administrative sanctions to include fines for each violation, eviction from the site (temporary or permanent), and/or restitution to the department for damages incurred. If a person is delinquent in paying for damage incurred, the department reserves the right to refuse privileges to that person pending receipt of such restitution.

B. No person shall enter a site:

1. when the site is closed; or
2. without proper registration.

C. Site visitors may be required to furnish specific information upon registration, including but not limited to, vehicle license plate number and a driver's license number.

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**§527. Overnight Use**

A. General Provisions

1. Any use of a site requires a written permit or payment receipt. Proof of payment shall be presented to a department employee upon request.

2. Permittee may not transfer or assign any use permit nor sublet any facility or part thereof.

3. The site manager has the authority to require the registration of every person occupying a campsite or overnight facility.

4. Any permit may be terminated by the site manager upon the violation of any established rule, regulation, or any condition of the permit.

5. Pass codes on entrance gates are issued for the personal use of the permittee, who is prohibited from allowing others to use the pass code, or otherwise making the facilities open so that others not covered by the permit may enter or leave the facility or area. Each campsite will be issued two temporary vehicle mirror hangtags to assist employees in identifying paid guests. The first vehicle is the

RV or truck pulling the camper. The second vehicle is defined as a vehicle being towed behind the RV or driven by another occupant who is camping on the same campsite. Additional vehicles will be allowed by way of a general admission day-use entrance fee (see §531).

6. Established time schedules (check-in and check-out) are strictly enforced. Failure to comply without advanced approval of the site manager may result in additional charges and denial of any future use of the facility.

7. Overnight users must maintain a reasonably quiet facility between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. No generators are allowed to be operational between the aforementioned hours.

8. Overnight users shall not erect or display unsightly or inappropriate structures or features which, in the opinion of the site manager, may create a disturbing or otherwise unpleasant condition detrimental to the general site use.

9. No permittee may repair or install any site equipment or furnishings unless authorized and supervised by the site manager.

10. No person shall be permitted to reside at Indian Creek Recreation Area without written approval of the commissioner.

11. Parking for boat trailers and additional vehicles may be allowed at the discretion of the site manager or his designee, subject to individual site suitability for such purposes.

12. Permittees waive and release all claims against the state of Louisiana for any damage to person or property arising from the privileges granted by any use permit.

B. Camping

1. With the exception of a campground host and campsites reserved at the 30-day off-season rate, overnight camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. After 14 consecutive days of occupancy at a site, all registered visitors of the site and all camping equipment must vacate the site for 7 consecutive days before occupancy may be resumed. The site manager reserves the right to cancel any reservations in violation of this provision.

2. During winter rental (November 1-February 28), a camper may occupy a site for 30 or more days at a time, subject to availability. No campsite may be unattended for longer than a 48-hour continuous period under any permit agreement.

3. Indian Creek Recreation Area is intended for tents and recreational vehicles only. The term "recreational vehicles" includes but is not limited to camper trailers, travel trailers and fifth wheel trailers but does not include ATVs.

4. Campsite occupancy is limited to six persons. At designated group camping areas occupancy limits are set by the site manager or his designee.

5. The following are to be used as general guidelines to define a camping unit by the site manager or his designee:

- a. one camper with additional vehicle and one large tent or two small tents;
- b. two vehicles and tent combinations not to exceed three tents.

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**§529. Fees and Emergency Closing**

A. The use of Indian Creek Recreation Area is subject to charges which will be imposed by the manager according to the schedule of fees approved by the department. The manager or his agents are responsible for the collection and enforcement of these fees.

B. The commissioner or his authorized agent may direct the closing of Indian Creek Recreation Area to public use when or if any natural or man-made occurrence has affected, or is expected to affect, the operation and management of the site to a degree that normal public use and enjoyment are altered, or when such use may impair the health, safety, and well-being of the public or employees of the agency.

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**§531. Fees; Day-Use Fees**

A. The day-use fee at Indian Creek Recreational Area is up to \$8 per vehicle with 5 or fewer occupants and up to \$10 with more than 5 occupants. Pavilion rental does not include day-use fee.

2. A self-service fee system may be used to collect user fees.

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**§533. Fees; Boating and Vehicle Use**

A. Canoes, kayaks, flat bottom boats, paddleboats or other watercraft may be rented for up to \$60 per vessel per day. Rental of any watercraft includes paddles and two lifejackets. Additional life jackets are available for rental at fee of \$1 per day. Hourly watercraft rental is available at the following rates:

Time	Rental Fee
1 hour	\$20
2 hours	\$30
4 hours	\$40
8 hours	\$60

**B. Golf Carts**

1. All golf carts must be registered and approved with site staff. Site staff will issue permits to approved golf carts. The golf cart permit fees are as follows:

Permit Term	Permit Fee
Daily	\$10
Monthly	\$50
Annual	\$100

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**§535. Fees and Exemptions; Exemptions/Discounts**

A. Veterans. A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who shows proof of same and any person(s) accompanying him in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle, may receive a 10 percent discount on camp site rental fees. There is no discount on the winter rates or other rental rates (kayaks, boats, etc.). Veterans will also receive a 50 percent discount off day-use fees. Proper picture identification is required.

B. Disabled Veterans. A special veteran entrance permit allows any disabled Louisiana resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States, and any person(s) accompanying him in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle exemption from the day-use entrance fee. Applications for a veteran permit may be made to the Louisiana Department of Veterans' Affairs service office serving the parish in which the applicant resides. Proper picture identification is required.

C. School Groups. Any child who is on a field trip conducted as part of the curriculum of the school and any classroom teacher, parent, bus driver and any other person accompanying a school child on such a field trip are exempt from paying the general admission charge to any site.

D. Senior Citizens. Any person age 50 or older may receive a 10 percent discount on camp site rental fees. There is no discount on the general entrance fee, winter rates or other rental rates (kayaks, boats, etc.).

E. Law Enforcement. Law enforcement personnel who show proof of same and any person(s) accompanying him in

a single, private, non-commercial vehicle, may receive a 10 percent discount on camp site rental fees. There is no discount on the winter rates or other rental rates (kayaks, boats, etc.). The person(s) will also receive a 50 percent discount off day-use fees. Proper picture identification is required.

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**§537. Fees and Exemptions; Special Promotions**

A. From time-to-time, as deemed appropriate by the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee, special programs, occupancy regulations, discounts or waivers on user fees may be offered in order to encourage visitation. These special promotional offers must be reviewed and reauthorized annually.

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**§539. Fees and Exemptions; Overnight Use**

A. Camping

1. The winter season is November 1 - February 28 and the summer season is March 1 - October 31.

2. A standard campsite is a non-waterfront campsite. A premium campsite is a waterfront campsite.

3. A Pull-Thru Campsite consists of two sites. An Ultra Pull-Thru campsite consists of a pull-thru waterfront double campsite for use by a single tenant camper.

4. The nightly rental rate for each campsite offered is up to the amount as shown in the following table:

Campsite	Summer Nightly Rate	Winter Nightly Rate
Standard Campsite	\$29	\$25
Premium Campsite	\$35	\$29
Standard Single Pull-Thru	\$29	\$25
Premium Single Pull Thru	\$35	\$29
Ultra Pull Thru	\$61	\$49
Primitive Area	\$21	\$17
Full Hook-Up	\$40	\$35

B. Rally camping areas are those designated and reserved for use by organized groups of overnight campers in the primitive area of the campsite.

1. Fees—Rally Camping

a. A fee up to \$55 per night is assessed to the group for the exclusive use of an area. Rally camping is available for tent camping in the primitive area of the campsite only.

C. Thirty-Day Off-Season Rates (available November 1 - February 28 only)

1. The thirty-day rental rate for each campsite offered is up to the amount as shown in the following table:

Campsite	Winter Season 30-Day Rate
Non-Waterfront Single	\$400
Waterfront Single	\$525
Full Hook Up	\$575

D. The fees set forth in this Section shall become effective February 1, 2025.

E. Online or telephone payments of the fees set forth in this Chapter may be subject to a credit card transaction fee.

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**§541. Reservation Policy**

A. General Provisions

1. Reservations may be made for Indian Creek Recreational Area for an allotted number of campsites as determined by the site manager.

2. Reservations are accepted only from persons 18 years of age or older. All persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by adults when using reserved facilities.

3. Payment must be made in full at the time the reservation is made.

4. Cancellation of a reservation initiated by the site user and made up to 48 hours prior to the date of arrival will incur a one night charge. No cancellations will be accepted 48 hours prior to the date of arrival. A transfer of reservation dates will be treated as a cancellation and a new reservation, and is therefore subject to the cancellation policy. There is no charge to transfer a reservation from one site to a different site on the same dates. Requests for waivers of the cancellation fee must be made in writing to the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee and will be granted only in extreme circumstances.

5. Cancellation of a monthly reservation initiated by the site user and made up to 48 hours prior to the date of arrival will incur a \$50 charge. No cancellations will be accepted 48 hours prior to the date of arrival. A transfer of reservation dates will be treated as a cancellation and a new reservation, and is therefore subject to the cancellation

policy. There is no charge to transfer a reservation from one site to a different site on the same dates. Requests for waivers of the cancellation fee must be made in writing to the commissioner of agriculture and forestry or his designee and will be granted only in extreme circumstances.

6. In the event reservations must be canceled by LDAF staff (e.g., for maintenance or emergency reasons) the rental fee will be refunded in full.

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**§543. Refunds**

A. Refunds will not be issued to visitors evicted for enforcement or disciplinary reasons.

B. All reservation refunds must be issued through the Office of Management and Finance or through the online reservations system. No cash refunds will be issued.

C. Refunds of day use fees are not granted when a visitor, by his own choosing, leaves the site due to inclement weather. In the event of a declared state of emergency that directly affects Indian Creek Recreation Area, refunds may be issued to all campers.

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**§545. Pavilion Use; Rate; Restrictions**

**A. Pavilion Rental**

1. Exclusive use of the pavilion can only be made by executing a rental agreement and payment of a rental fee.

2. The pavilion rental rate is \$125 per day for the large pavilion and \$35 per day for the small pavilion. Pavilion rental does not include day-use fee.

3. Full payment of the \$125 rental fee for the large pavilion and \$35 rental fee for the small pavilion is due at time of reservation. Prior to, or on the date of the reservation, a \$50 cleaning deposit is required for the large pavilion and \$15 cleaning deposit for the small pavilion. The party renting the pavilion is responsible for cleanup after the event and ensuring the pavilion is not damaged. The cleaning deposit will be refunded to the customer either electronically or by U.S. mail within 10 days of the event if sufficiently clean.

4. The pavilion may only be used between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

5. No inflatable jumpers/slides using water will be permitted for use in the park. No inflatable or plastic swimming pools will be allowed in the park.

6. All general park rules apply to the pavilion rental.

7. Any damage or destruction of property will be repaired or replaced at the expense of the renter.

8. Cancellation of a reservation initiated by the renter made up to 48 hours prior to the date of rental will incur a \$35 charge for the large pavilion, and a \$15 charge for the small pavilion. No cancellations will be accepted 48 hours prior to the date of arrival; therefore, the entire deposit will be retained by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

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**§547. Mandatory Minimum Stays**

A. The park manager, at his discretion, may impose mandatory minimum stays during peak usage times.

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**Chapter 7. Forest Landowner Assistance**

**§701. Management Service Fees**

A. The Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry, shall, under the direction of the state forester, provide private landowners with assistance in the management of their forestlands.

1. Basic Services (\$300 minimum charge)—performed on an as-requested basis in all Office of Forestry districts:

a. prescribed burning services:

i. reforestation (cutover areas):

(a). \$25/acre plus fireline establishment: \$70/hour for light tractor (dozer) work—650 John Deere (or other brand of similar power) or less;

(b). \$100/hour for heavy tractor (dozer) work—750 John Deere (or other brand of similar power);

ii. afforestation (pasture, etc.):

(a). \$15/acre plus fireline establishment: \$70/hour for light tractor (dozer) work—650 John Deere (or other brand of similar power) or less;

(b). \$100/hour for heavy tractor (dozer) work—750 John Deere (or other brand of similar power);

iii. prescribed burns (fuel reduction, hardwood control, wildlife habitat, etc.):

(a). \$20/acre plus fireline establishment: \$70/hour for light tractor (dozer) work—650 John Deere (or other brand of similar power) or less;

(b). \$100/hour for heavy tractor (dozer) work—750 John Deere (or other brand of similar power);

iv. onsite prescribed burn standby:

(a). \$10/acre plus fireline establishment: \$70/hour for light tractor (dozer) work—650 John Deere (or other brand of similar power) or less;

(b). \$100/hour for heavy tractor (dozer) work—750 John Deere (or other brand of similar power);

v. fireline establishment only:

(a). \$70/hour for light tractor (dozer) work—650 John Deere (or other brand of similar power) or less;

(b). \$100/hour for heavy tractor (dozer) work—750 John Deere (or other brand of similar power).

2. Special Services—performed when approved on a case-by-case basis:

a. tree planting (seedlings or seed not included)—\$46/acre;

b. direct seeding (seedlings or seed not included)—\$10/acre;

c. light tractor (dozer) work [650 John Deere (or other brand of equal power) or less]—\$70/hour (\$300 minimum);

d. heavy tractor (dozer) work [over 650 John Deere or other brand of equal power]—\$100/hour (\$300 minimum);

e. timber marking—\$25/acre (only available on 40 acres or less).

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## Chapter 9. Prescribed Burning

### §901. Definitions

*Act*—Act 589 of the 1993 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

*Certified Prescribed Burn Manager*—an individual who has successfully completed the prescribed burning certification program of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or other approved program and is certified by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

*Commissioner*—the Commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

*Department*—Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

*Non-Certified Prescribed Burn Manager*—an individual who has not successfully completed the prescribed burning certification program of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or other approved program and is not certified by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

*Prescribed Burning Certificate*—document issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry certifying that the document holder has completed the requirements of Louisiana R.S. 3:17 and this rule.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry, LR 21:670 (July 1995), LR 50:1812 (December 2024).

### §903. Written Authority

A. Written authority for a prescribed burn shall consist of a prescribed burning certificate issued to the prescribed burner by the department and signed by the associate state forester or the chief of the Forest Protection Branch of the Office of Forestry.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:17.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry, LR 21:670 (July 1995).

### §905. Completion of Prescribed Burn

A. Prescribed burns performed pursuant to the authority granted by the Act and conducted in accordance with the Act and these regulations shall be completed and declared safe when the certified prescribed burn manager who has been present on site from ignition finds:

1. that the ignition process has been safely accomplished;

2. the fire is safely contained within the control lines; and

3. the smoke is acting in a fashion consistent with the weather forecast and the burning prescription for that tract.

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### §907. Prescribed Burner Certification; Prerequisites and Training

A. The department may offer workshops for the certification of prescribed burners.

B. The department shall certify qualified individuals as certified burners who meet the following requirements:

1. complete a university-sponsored prescribed-burn continuing education course or other program approved by the department;

2. attend a certification workshop conducted or approved by the department;