

APPENDIX B – Standards and Guidelines

- **Slash piles** - Piles will be placed in openings at least 150 feet from forest areas. Piles will be tightly compacted to ensure a complete burn. Piles will be burned after two seasons when a 12-inch snow layer is on the ground and cold temperatures are predicted for the next several days.
- **Riparian Area Buffer** - U.S. Forest Service standards will be observed when determining buffer distance for harvest activities near riparian and wetland areas.
- **Skid trails** - Use designated skid trails and design skid trails to be as straight as possible to avoid scarring trees on the inside of turns.
- **Limbing** - Removing branches at the tree bole (trunk) up 16 feet from the ground. (Avoid injury to the main stem by cutting branch ½ inch out from the bole).
- **Standard fuel break** - Openings usually as wide as twice the length of the tallest trees. Openings completely cleared of woody vegetation.
- **Shaded fuel break** - Usually created adjacent to roads or openings. Trees adjacent to roads are spaced widely apart. Spacing of trees decreases as the fuel break moves away from the road into the forest. All surface woody vegetation is removed. All tree limbs and other ladder fuels are removed to a height of 12 to 16 feet above ground surface. Shaded fuel breaks should be 100 to 150 feet on either side of the road.