

T-842 CUTTING ROADWAY VEGETATION (10/07)

842.01 Description

This work consists of cutting all vegetative growth, including trees and other vegetation less than 4 inches in diameter measured 6 inches above the ground, on roadway surfaces and roadsides.

842.02 Maintenance Requirements

A. General

1. Cut brush, trees, and other vegetation within each area treated to a maximum height of 6 inches above the ground surface or obstruction such as rocks or existing stumps. When work is performed under this Section, remove all limbs which extend into the treated area, or over the roadbed, to a height of 14 feet above the traveled way surface elevation.
2. Items to remain will be DESIGNATED ON THE GROUND.
3. Work may be performed either by hand or mechanically unless specifically shown in the Road Listing. Self-propelled equipment is not allowed on cut and fill slopes or in ditches.
4. Correct damage to trunks of standing trees caused by Purchaser's operation either by treatment with a commercial nursery sealer or by removing the tree as directed by the Contracting Officer.
5. Limb trees within the cutting limits which are over 4 inches -measured at 6 inches above the ground in lieu of cutting.
6. When trees are limbed, cut limbs within 4 inches of the trunk.

B. Cutting Side Vegetation

1. Show the width of vegetation to be removed in the Road Listing.
2. Unless otherwise included in the SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS or DESIGNATED ON THE GROUND:
 - a. Commence work at the edge of the traveled way and proceed away from the road centerline.
 - b. Roads without a defined traveled way: The starting point for cutting will be marked on the ground or defined in the SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS.

3. The points for establishing cutting limits are as follows:

- a. Fill and daylighted (wide roadbed) section cutting commences at the edge of the traveled way and proceeds away from the road center line.
- b. Drainage ditched section cutting commences at the bottom of the existing ditch and proceeds away from the road center line. Cutting on ditch foreslopes is not required.
- c. Unditched cut section cutting commences at the intersection of the cutbank and the roadbed and proceeds away from center line.

4. Provide transitions between differing increments of cutting width. Accomplish transitions in a taper length of not less than 50 feet nor more than 70 feet.

C. Debris

- 1. Materials resulting from the cutting operation in excess of 12 inches in length or 3 inches in diameter is not allowed to remain on roadway slopes within the treated area, in ditches, or within water courses.
- 2. Remove limbs and chunks in excess of 3 inches in any dimension from the traveled way and shoulders.
- 3. Materials may be scattered down slope from the roadbed, outside of the work area and drainages unless otherwise listed in D. Invasive Species of Concern.

D. Invasive Species of Concern

Where DESIGNATED ON THE GROUND, included in the ROAD LISTING, SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS or as ordered by the Contracting Officer invasive species of concern prevention practices shall be followed as listed below.

Invasive Species of Concern Prevention Practices
<i>To be filled in by local FS invasive plant specialist, if applicable.</i>