

FOREST MANAGEMENT CONTRACT
For
ANDREWS COMMUNITY FOREST

Richmond, Chittenden County, Vermont
April, 2023

This is agreement between the **Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife**, whose address is PO Box 328 Vergennes, VT 05491, hereinafter called the COVERTS and **Tree Dogs LLC** whose address is 39 Weed RD, Essex JCT, VT hereinafter called the CONTRACTOR.

Witnesseth that CONTRACTOR agrees to conduct Forest Stand Improvement (FSI) at the Andrews Community Forest (ACF) in Richmond, VT for the amount of \$75/hour (per employee) **with a total amount not-to-exceed \$5,000**. At the end of the project, CONTRACTOR will submit an itemized invoice to COVERTS for all work performed.

This contract will be supervised by the Chittenden County Forester, hereinafter called FORESTER, who will act on behalf of COVERTS in certain aspects of the administration of this contract.

The term of the contract shall be from **April 13, 2023** until all designated trees are cut and hauled, or the contract is cancelled by COVERTS, or **May 15, 2023**, whichever comes first. The contract may be extended by written agreement of both parties.

ARTICLE I - FSI Terms

In conduct of its FSI operations CONTRACTOR agrees with COVERTS as follows:

- A. Tress to be cut are designated by:
 - 1. All stems marked with a diagonal slash of blue paint on opposite sides of the trees will be felled and left on the ground.
 - 2. All stems marked with a blue "G" will be girdled.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall use extreme caution so as to prevent the damage of young regeneration and trees that are not designated to be cut by the FSI operation.
- C. All hanging or leaning trees created by the CONTRACTOR's activity shall be cut and left on the ground.
- D. Trees will be left completely unlopped except as needed for safety and access considerations.
- E. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations regarding, but not limited to, the the environment, safety, roads and powerlines. CONTRACTOR shall not trespass on property not owned by the Town of Richmond and respect all property boundaries.
- F. CONTRACTOR will not assign this contract in whole or in part without the written consent of COVERTS.

