



FRIAA CHRP RFP Inter-cutblock restoration Feb 2025

Q&A, Feb 20, 2025

1. **Question:** Is the expectation that we provide a separate rate for prescription development, site prep, planting and line blocking vs an all in treatment cost?

Answer: At this point, (for the RFP) we're asking for an "all-in" rate (\$/km) and a ballpark (from the GDP) of seismic line length (km) in caribou ranges in your FMA (in the application template, please see Section 9.1). This way we have an amount of grant funding that would be approved to work with over the next few years. This would form the basis of your grant funding request (total \$). If you are successful in being approved for grant funding, and you go along each year, in your Annual Work Plan, you'll have a more refined budget that can break out those details.

2. **Question:** If we provide an all-in price and decide we don't need to do line blocking do we just pocket the money or do we then have to decide how much of the all in price was for line blocking and not bill for that portion? Ditto if we conclude we can leave for natural?

Answer: Your bid (proposal) budget will be "high level".

If successful as a grant applicant, in your Annual Work Plan, you will show a subset of actual lines that you plan to treat. Ideally you will have flown, walked or quadded these lines. You will know the nature (site type, ground conditions, current species) of the planned, adjacent cut blocks. You will know if the area is upland or lowland, if you have slopes, or if you have high recreational activity. You will know what the silviculture prescriptions are going to be (or have a good idea of what the prescriptions will be), in terms of mechanical site prep and planting species. You will likely extend a similar prescription to the adjacent seismic lines, adjusting for the line specific site-limiting factors as needed.

Within the grant term, at the end of the year, you will show your actual costs and how many km were treated (and by what method - what type of prep, was there tree felling, what species and how many trees planted). Assuming your actual costs are aligned with your budget, and variances were pre-approved/explained, FRIAA will re-imburse actual, eligible costs.

Deactivation by tree felling, if you are mounding with an excavator or backhoe for the site prep, likely doesn't add that much to the cost, relative to all the other factors involved. It will likely show up in your productivity or machine hours doing that portion of the site preparation.