



Landowner Acknowledgement Form

Location of Utilities

I hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of my responsibility to locate or have located all underground utilities if I receive funds from any federal/state cost-share program to assist implementing any ground-disturbing project administered by the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS).

I understand that the Texas A&M Forest Service provides technical assistance to help control oak wilt on my property and that installation of trenches or other ground-disturbing activities are often recommended. I understand I can perform the work myself or I can hire a contractor, as long as all work specifications meet TFS technical guidelines, maintains competitive pricing, and cost-share funds are approved before the work is accomplished. The Texas A&M Forest Service will avoid underground utilities whenever possible.

The Texas A&M Forest Service may assist by providing a list of contractors who have performed oak wilt trenching for others or who may be working in the area.

I understand any contractual arrangement, including liability agreements, must be made between myself and the contractor. The Texas A&M Forest Service is here to provide me with technical expertise, not act as a liaison between myself and the contractor. Any cost or time estimates for trenching made by the Texas A&M Forest Service are approximate. I understand it is my responsibility to speak with the contractor about haul fees, hourly or per foot charges, street or sidewalk cuts, billing, and extra services such as chainsaw work, excess soil removal, fence repairs, etc.

As a landowner, it is my responsibility to see that all underground utilities near proposed trenches are located before the scheduled trenching day. These can include:

Telephone: community cables, fiber optics, individual and neighbors' buried lines

Water: large water lines that may cross my property, house lines, irrigation and sprinkler lines and lines to watering troughs, barns, etc.

Cable: television, satellite dish

Sewer: septic line, leach (drain) field, gray water system

Electric: house, garage, barn, shed, light pole, etc.

Gas or Oil Pipe Lines: large gas or oil lines which may cross my property or other gas lines to the house, outside light, etc.

I hereby acknowledge that if any underground utilities are pulled up during the ground-disturbing project, I will NOT hold the Texas A&M Forest Service responsible. I understand it is my responsibility to contact the appropriate "utility" to come out and mark the location of all possible lines.

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Cultural Resource Protection

I hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of the stipulations for protecting cultural resources if I receive funds from any Federal cost share program to assist implementing any ground-disturbing project administered by the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS).

I understand that the TFS forester must conduct a cultural resource survey of the area on which the project will be implemented. This survey will generally involve walking over the area and looking for evidence of cultural resource sites on the ground; however, it may also include subsurface surveys, or shovel tests. Subsurface surveys will be done no deeper than the depth of disturbance by the ground-disturbing activity.

If a site is found within the treatment area, the TFS forester will inform me of such and I will be given the option of dropping the cost share project. If the project is dropped, there are no obligations for the site to be entered in a statewide database managed by the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL). However, if I choose to proceed with the project and accept Federal cost share money, then I must adhere to the following requirements:

- (1) A State of Texas Archeological Site Data Form must be completed and sent to TARL for any site present within the treatment area, whether discovered before, during, or after project implementation. This information is exempt from the Open Records Act and is not available to the public.
- (2) Any artifacts discovered during the survey or project implementation will be sent to the TFS consulting archeologist for quick study and returned to the landowner. Any artifacts found on a landowner's land are the landowner's private property, along with the cultural resource site.
- (3) Once a year, the Texas Historical Commission (THC), who administers the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, will conduct a review of the TFS program. The review will include on-site visits to selected tracts where cost share practices have been implemented. By accepting cost share assistance, I grant permission to TFS and THC personnel to visit my property for the purposes of conducting this annual review.

In implementing a project on an area where a cultural resource is present, the primary strategy will be to avoid the site by leaving it out of the area to be treated. If a site cannot be avoided and a landowner wants to receive cost-share assistance, the site must be evaluated by a professional archeologist to determine if it is eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This evaluation will be at the expense of the landowner.

I understand that all cultural resources present on my property are my private property (or co-property with other landowners) and that my actions on, near, or to these cultural resources are not inhibited in any way. I further understand that the above stipulations apply only when Federal money is spent and that Federal money cannot be used to damage any cultural resource unless that cultural resource has first been professionally evaluated and found to be ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

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