

WAC 296-17A-5004 Classification 5004.

5004-13 Tree planting services (to be assigned only by the reforestation underwriter)

Special note: Classification 5004, and related classifications 1007 and 5006, cover various activities associated with the management of forests, range, or timber land. These classifications are also assigned to businesses engaged in erosion control projects and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement projects. The industry covered by this series of classifications has special reporting requirements. Reforestation businesses assigned to classifications 1007, 5004, and 5006 report work on a contract basis. These contracts may last a quarter or several quarters. Refer to WAC 296-17-35203(4) for specific reporting requirements.

Applies to:

Businesses planting trees in a forest (reforestation) or in privately owned timbered land. This is done to reestablish a tree population after logging or a fire. These businesses are engaged in forestry and timber land management services, and the work conducted is generally associated with the overall care of these lands.

Work in this classification includes, but not limited to:

- Employees of contractors and of land owners;
- Manual crew labor; and
- All field crew supervisors and foremen assigned to oversee work covered by this classification, including internal quality control audits, regardless of whether their assigned duties include manual labor.

Work activities in this classification includes:

- Planting trees.

Exclusions:

- Machinery operations on these lands such as clearing, slashing, hydro seeding, chemical spraying, and forest firefighting are classified in 5006;
- Forestry related machine work used in connection with trail construction, slash burning, fire watch/patrol and forest firefighting, slashing, pile burning, roadside brushing, roadway dust/mud control are classified in 5006;
- Logging operations are classified in 5001;
- Logging road construction is classified in 6902;
- Identifying volume and species of trees in a section of timber land or a forest is classified in 1007;
- Auditing parcels planted by a tree planting contractor for quality control purposes is classified in 1007;
- Conducting environmental studies is classified in 1007; and
- Testing growing techniques and similar activities is classified in 1007.

5004-14 Tree thinning services (to be assigned only by the reforestation underwriter)

Special note: Classification 5004, and related classifications 1007 and 5006, cover various activities associated with the management of forests, range, or timber land. These classifications are also assigned to businesses engaged in erosion control projects and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement projects. The industry covered by this series of classifications has special reporting requirements. Refore-

tation businesses assigned to classifications 1007, 5004, and 5006 report work on a contract basis. These contracts may last a quarter or several quarters. Refer to WAC 296-17-35203(4) for specific reporting requirements.

Applies to:

Businesses who have employees engaged in tree thinning services, including forest trail construction and brush clearing, in a forest (reforestation) or in privately owned timbered land. These businesses are engaged in forestry and timber land management services, and the work conducted is generally associated with the overall care of these lands.

Work in this classification includes, but not limited to:

- Employees of contractors and of land owners;
- Manual crew labor; and
- All field crew supervisors and foremen assigned to oversee work covered by this classification, including internal quality control audits, regardless of whether their assigned duties include manual labor.

Work activities in this classification includes:

- Removal of unmarketable trees with a chain saw, machete, or pruning loppers;
- Pruning trees;
- Brush clearing;
- Manual tree slashing; and
- Constructing walking paths or trails.

These manual conifer release activities are done to reduce competition of the remaining trees for water and nutrients, to eliminate fire hazard and to provide trails for management and recreational use.

Exclusions:

- Chemical conifer release, if using a backpack method, is classified in 5004-18;
- Chemical conifer release, if using a truck, is classified in 5006-08;
- Machinery operations on these lands such as clearing, slashing, hydro seeding, chemical spraying, and forest firefighting are classified in 5006;
- Forestry related machine work used in connection with trail construction, slash burning, fire watch/patrol and forest firefighting, slashing, pile burning, roadside brushing, roadway dust/mud control are classified in 5006;
- Logging operations are classified in 5001;
- Logging road construction is classified in 6902;
- Identifying volume and species of trees in a section of timber land or a forest is classified in 1007;
- Auditing parcels planted by a tree planting contractor for quality control purposes is classified in 1007;
- Conducting environmental studies is classified in 1007; and
- Testing growing techniques and similar activities is classified in 1007.

5004-18 Miscellaneous forestry services, N.O.C. (to be assigned only by the reforestation underwriter)

Special note: Classification 5004, and related classifications 1007 and 5006, cover various activities associated with the management of forests, range, or timber land. These classifications are also as-

signed to businesses engaged in erosion control projects and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement projects. The industry covered by this series of classifications has special reporting requirements. Reforestation businesses assigned to classifications 1007, 5004, and 5006 report work on a contract basis. These contracts may last a quarter or several quarters. Refer to WAC 296-17-35203(4) for specific reporting requirements.

Applies to:

Businesses performing miscellaneous manual labor on forest or timber land. These businesses are engaged in forestry and timber land management services, and the work conducted is generally associated with the overall care of these lands.

Work in this classification includes, but not limited to:

- Employees of contractors and of land owners;
- Manual crew labor; and
- All field crew supervisors and foremen assigned to oversee work covered by this classification, including internal quality control audits, regardless of whether their assigned duties include manual labor.

Work activities in this classification includes, but not limited to:

- Manual forest firefighting;
- Animal damage control;
- Beaver trapping;
- Chemical spraying;
- Fertilizer services;
- Cone picking;
- Hydro seeding;
- Stream restoration;
- Habitat development;
- Tree netting.

Exclusions:

- Manual conifer release is classified in 5004-14;
- Machinery operations on these lands such as clearing, slashing, hydro seeding, chemical spraying, and forest firefighting are classified in 5006;
- Forestry related machine work used in connection with trail construction, slash burning, fire watch/patrol and forest firefighting, slashing, pile burning, roadside brushing, roadway dust/mud control are classified in 5006;
- Logging operations are classified in 5001;
- Logging road construction is classified in 6902;
- Identifying volume and species of trees in a section of timber land or a forest is classified in 1007;
- Auditing parcels planted by a tree planting contractor for quality control purposes is classified in 1007;
- Conducting environmental studies is classified in 1007; and
- Testing growing techniques and similar activities is classified in 1007.

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