**Exhibit A**

**MERA – 3120 FIREBREAK**

**LOGGING / PRE-COMMERCIAL THINNING / SLASH MASTICATION**

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**Thinning / Logging Specifications**

1. Contractor shall select and leave uncut the best formed trees of good vigor that will achieve a minimum spacing of **25 feet** between the boles of trees and a crown spacing of 10 feet between crowns.
2. Trees to cut include any and all trees needed to achieve the spacing goals as specified in item 1. Non-merchantable trees may be piled and burned or masticated.
3. Trees of nearly equal height, diameter, and vigor will be ranked in priority for leave by species as follows:
4. Western Larch
5. Douglas fir
6. Ponderosa pine
7. Grand fir
8. Lodgepole pine

**Slash Mastication Specifications**

1. Contractor shall masticate or slash-bust all thinned trees to a maximum size of 1 foot in length and 4 inches in diameter or equivalent volume.
2. Contractor shall masticate or slash-bust all shrubs to a maximum height of 1 foot.
3. Contractor shall direct slash chunks away from all trails and roads and avoid damage to trails and roads.