

Tree Thinning Contractor List for the Middle Niobrara Valley

The following contractors have requested to be included on this list for forest thinning and fuels reduction projects in six counties in the Middle Niobrara River watershed

Berghorst Land Clearing

Harlan Berghorst
1020 E South E
Broken Bow, NE 68822
308-870-0915 cell; hpberghorst@hotmail.com
Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties
Steep terrain and chainsaw work okay
Liability Insurance: Yes
Equipment: Two 321 Hydro-Axe forestry head, three S-770 Bobcat with sweeps & mulcher; chainsaws
Notes: 8-man crew

Big Toys Hire & Rentals, LLC

Jordan and Ryan Ross
PO Box 672
Valentine, NE 69201
bigtoyzs@gmail.com
402-760-1145 Jordan cell; 402-760-1146 Ryan cell
Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties
Steep terrain and chainsaw work okay
Liability Insurance: Yes
Equipment: Skid steers with numerous attachments, acquire attachments as needed; D5 Cat dozer with 6-way blade; winch for slopes; chainsaws.
Notes: We have 18+ years' experience in tree removal from selective cutting to clear cutting with extensive experience on canyon ground. We are skilled where minimum impact is required. We have prescribed fire experience and many years' experience burning slash piles. We also do dirt work, repair roads, dams, put in culverts, etc. Our areas of expertise include respect for the environment we work in, attention to detail and high efficiency, tailored to our customers' needs.

Big Valley Tree Clearing

Derek Frahm
211 N. Hickory St.
Smithland, IA 51056
712-899-8555 cell
bigvallytreeclearing@yahoo.com
Availability: Boyd, Brown, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties
Steep terrain and chainsaw work okay
Liability Insurance: Yes
Equipment: Terex PT 110 track, Kubota SVL-90 track, M&M Shears, Denis Cimaf grinders, brush cat.

Notes: We have the ability to go on steep slopes and have a certified sawyer. No job too big. All jobs done in a timely fashion. Operators are trained and safety is first.

References available.

Bruha, LLC

Ernest Bruha
46387 815th Rd.
Burwell, NE 68823
308-730-2282 cell
crusherbruha@gmail.com
Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties
Steep terrain okay; no chainsaw work
Liability Insurance: Yes
Equipment: Skidloader with shear and grapple
Notes: 21+ years of tree cutting.
References available

Central Nebraska Skidsteers, LLC

John Sutton and Conard Sutton
81724 W. Union Rd.
Sargent, NE 68874
Cell: 308-215-0124 John; 308-215-0120 Conard;
308-527-3642 home
john_ryan_sutton@hotmail.com & csutton@nctc.net
Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties
Steep terrain and chainsaw work okay
Liability Insurance: Yes
Equipment: 2 Terex PT-110s with forestry package, 2 Marshall tree saws that run on high flow and have upgraded cylinders for higher torque and faster cycle time, 2 grapple forks, SS Eco Mulcher, Stihl chainsaws, Polaris Ranger 900XP side-by-side when using chainsaw and/or spraying tree stumps.
Notes: Conard started this business in 1998 and has 17 years' experience. John joined the operation in 2006 and has 9+ years' experience. We have done many local and government-assisted jobs. We have acquired a skill of cutting and handling trees with our skid steers on a wide range of difficult terrain. We have always believed in doing a good, clean job and making sure that the customer is satisfied. We enjoy restoring the land back to its original state.
References available

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Comstock Logging, LLC

Rolland W. Stefka
80691 Oak Grove Rd.
Comstock, NE 68828

wwwrolliestefka@gmail.com

308-628-4212 home; 308-215-0209 cell

Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties

Steep terrain okay; no chainsaw work

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: Ponsee Cobra tree processor; ASV PT 100 forestry package skidsteer on tracks; Loftness timber axe mulcher for front of skidsteer; pallet forks, tree grapple, bucket for skidsteer; White 8510 135 hp front wheel assist tractor with loader and grapple fork; 1994 Peterbilt semi-truck with 50' dropdeck trailer with loading ramps; Norwood Mx36 portable sawmill set up permanently in my shop; Stihl chainsaws .

Notes: With the tree processor I can cut trees at nearly ground level, then remove branches, leaving a loggable log to remove and take to my sawmill. It is an 8-wheel drive with tracks to go over 2 axles and a set of chains to go over a third axle. The skidsteer with mulcher head will shred small trees up to 6" in diameter as well as small branches into a mulch to cover the ground with 6" or less mulch pieces. The skid steer has rubber tracks to minimize damage to the forest floor. The tractor can haul logs to the truck to be moved off site.

References available

Gross Seed Co., Inc.

John Gross
41616 US Hwy. 20; Johnstown, NE 69214
402-722-4215 (Office); 402-340-0578 cell
Availability: Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties

No chainsaw work or steep terrain

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: John Deere skid steer 323D

Holmberg Tree Shearing

Eugene Holmberg
90748 N. Randall Rd.; Bristow, NE 68719
402-583-0035 work; 402-640-0537 cell

holmbergfamily@hotmail.com

Availability: Keya Paha, Rock, Boyd, & Holt Co

No steep terrain or chainsaw work

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: Skidsteers: 2 Bobcat S770, Bobcat S650, & JBC T320; 2 brush mowers; 3 tree shears; 2 grapples; tree puller; stump grinder

Notes: Have been doing tree removal for 15 years.

References available

Hoefs Skidloader Works, LLC

Dustin Hoefs
90870 396th Ave,
Valentine, NE 69201
308-520-0091 cell; 402-389-0888 home
duster851@gmail.com

Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties (and beyond)

Steep terrain and chainsaw work okay

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: 2 Kubota SVL 90 and 2 Kubota SVL 95 skidloaders with rubber tracks; Kubota SSV75 wheel skidloader, Kubota KXO80 excavator with rubber tracks, forestry head, & shear; Hyundai 160LC excavator with 38" RDM forestry head; shear & grapples; 2 Eco-forestry heads; Fecon forestry head; Loftness forestry head; Vortex tree & brush mulcher; Rhino 72" brush hog; John Deere 450G dozer & John Deere 450C dozer; 2 dump trucks and dump trailer, semi with belly dump trailer; 2 International paddle scrapers, Ashland ground force scraper; 3 sprayers for fire suppression, chainsaws

Notes: We are very diversified with a large fleet of equipment to handle all land clearing applications including forestry, excavation and dirtwork. We specialize in working extreme terrain and have the capabilities and the work force to complete large-scale projects. We also do burn prep and have three sprayers for fire suppression which are available on the site during the project. We carry specific land clearing insurance, specific for forestry fuel reduction and management. All operators are covered by workman's compensation and the general liability.

References available

Jay Bowers Construction

Sterling or Jay Bowers
PO Box 308,
Farwell, TX 79325
806-481-9610 office; 402-382-5435 (Sterling); 806-438-5800 (Jay); sterlingbowers@gmail.com or jbequipment@msn.com

Availability: Keya Paha County

Steep terrain and chainsaw work okay

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: Kubota SVL 90-ZHFC trackloader with dirt bucket

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Jim Buer Hauling and Excavating, Inc.

Jim Buer

PO Box 403

Valentine, NE 69201

402-322-0314 cell

jbexc@yahoo.com

Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties

Steep terrain and chainsaw work okay

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: Kubota SVL 95, Deere 200DLC excavator, Deere 700H LGP, shears, shredders/mulchers, grapples, chainsaws

Notes: We are a 3 man crew with a strong work ethic. We are not afraid to tackle the tough jobs. Our biggest advantage is our experience in tree clearing and earthwork. Our wide variety of equipment makes us confident to take on any size job. We are committed to provide our customers with the highest quality of work and to treat their land with utmost respect.

References available

KJ's Cedar Cutting, LLC

Kenny Eggers

87846 – 433rd Ave.

Ainsworth, NE 69210

402-760-0462 cell, 402-387-1645 home

eggers@threeriver.net

Availability: Brown, Keya Paha, & Rock Counties

Steep terrain okay; no chainsaw work

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: Tracked skidsteer, tree saw, grapple fork.

Notes: Can cut at or below ground level.

References available

Kraft Stump Grinding & Tree Removal, Inc.

Mike Kraft

PO Box 162

Bassett, NE 68714

701-351-0485 cell

mikekraft42@yahoo.com

Availability: Brown, Keya Paha, & Rock Counties

Chainsaw work & steep terrain okay

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: Stump grinder, boom truck 50' reach, dump truck, PT 100G Terex, M&M shear, Pintle trailers (25' & 35'), chainsaws

Notes: Tree removal, stump grinding, heavy equipment operator/instructor, combat vet

References available

McCaslin, LLC

Randy Carroll and Thomas McCaslin

1740 North D St.

Broken Bow, NE 68822

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308-870-4670 Randy cell

Thomas: 308-870-4670 work & 308-870-1899 cell

thomas_mccaslin@yahoo.com

Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt Keya Paha, and Rock Counties

Steep terrain and chainsaw work okay

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: Skidsteers, excavator, mulching heads, tree shear, grapple buckets, hydraulic saw, chainsaw

Notes: We have been a contractor for 9 years. We operate modern equipment under warranty so we have minimal down time.

MK Logging

Michael Klabenes

49550 Hwy. 20

O'Neill, NE 68763

402-336-7098; kklab@live.com

Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties

Steep terrain and chainsaw work okay

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: Bandit 3680 grinder, Timberjack 1270A tree harvester/ processor; Valmet 890 forwarder, John Deere 290D forwarder, Mustang 2109 skidsteer with attachments (tree saw, root grapple, brush rake), Kenworth W900L semi, Freightliner FLD 120 semi, Detach lowboy trailer, log trailer (30 ton log capacity), step deck trailer with loading ramps, gooseneck tool trailer with welder.torch, chainsaws.

Notes: Harvester and forwarder enable efficient utilization of marketable trees. Slash piles are greatly reduced in size, as trees down to 4" diameter are utilized and branches are packed tightly together.

References available

M R Range Solutions

Mark A. Silhan

2948 Oxbow Rd.

Longford, KS 67458

785-822-4435 cell; 785-388-2084 home/work

solomonriverbason@gmail.com

Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, & Rock Counties

Steep terrain okay; chainsaw work available

Liability Insurance: Yes

Equipment: Case skidsteer SV250 2014; Robocut tree saw with rotating option for side lashing; Robo 84" grapple; Robo Jawz tree puller (up to 4"); Robo axe mower, Eco mulcher

Notes: Fully licensed and insured. Fully licensed and insured. Worked in forestry industry for 6+ years. No job is too big or too small. Willing to travel.

References available

Mark's Tree Cutting Service

Mark Stec
87124 442nd Ave.
Long Pine, NE 69217-5203
402-760-1247 cell; 402-273-4346 home
Availability: Brown, Keya Paha, Rock, & Boyd Counties
Chainsaw work okay; no steep terrain
Liability Insurance: Yes
Equipment: ASV posi-trak skidsteer, Turbo-saw, brush cutter/mulcher, grapple bucket, chainsaw
References available

Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District

Zac Peterson or Mike Murphy
303 E. Hwy. 20, Valentine, NE 69201
402-376-3241
Availability: Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha, & Rock Counties
Chainsaw work okay; no steep terrain
Liability Insurance: Yes
Equipment: Terex PT-110 skid steer with rubber tracks, shear head attachment, grapple attachment, Vermeer 1800XL chipper, M929 AM General dump truck, Fecon forestry head
Notes: Specialize in chipping trees and woody biomass application.
References available

Prescription Pyro, LLC

Bob Harrold
79756 Drive 443, Broken Bow, NE 68822
E.I.N. # 45-528153; D.U.N.N.S. # 078524508
308-872-2096 cell
prescriptionpyro@gmail.com
Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties
Liability Insurance: No
Equipment: I have a 4-man crew with chainsaws. Can handle thinning and hard-to-reach areas. Have equipment to provide prescribed burns and burn tree piles. Four trucks with 500 gallon skid tanks. One 3,500 gallon tanker. Two ATVs with 30 gallon tanks. One ATV drip torch.
Notes: Offer contract labor and can serve up to an 18 person crew when needed. Offer labor to run skid steers on thinning projects. We write burn plans, work with all agencies to provide proper paperwork. 6 red card-certified firefighters. Have access to two type 6 engines and 6 more red card-certified guys. Have access to bid federal prescribed burns and crews. Have access to red card-certified burn crew and overhead. Compliance with all NWCG standards. Willing to travel wherever needed.
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Swim, Rick

90129 424th Ave., Springview, NE 68778-9616
402-497-3888
Availability: Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha, & Rock Counties
Chainsaw work & steep terrain okay
Liability Insurance: Yes
Equipment: Grapple skidder, skid steers, chainsaws, mulchers
Notes: Larger trees, chainsaw work. Will not work within felling distance of buildings or utilities.
References available

Swim, Chad

89742 423rd Ave.
Springview, NE 68778
402-322-3137cell; 402-497-3847 home
Swim.chad@yahoo.com
Availability: Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties
Steep terrain and chainsaw work okay
Liability Insurance: Yes
Equipment: 2 Terex PT-110s with SS eco-mulching head; John Deere 328 skidsteer; tree shear; Robo grapple; John Deere 648 D log skidder with winch and 100' mainline; self-loading log truck and pup trailer; chainsaws, Timberking B20 portable sawmill.
Notes: Able to do steep terrain and willing to do a lot of saw work.
References available

Sawmills:

Abbott, William

The Sawle Mill, Inc.
89748 US Hwy. 183
Springview, NE 68778
Columbus - office 402-563-2663
William Abbott - cell 402-910-0500
bill@coppercare.us
Serving Keya Paha, Brown, Cherry, & Rock Counties and beyond.

Burning Contractors:

Lite Em Up Custom Burning, Inc.

Bob Viger; 402-643-5263
liteemupcustom@yahoo.com
My business has two type 6 engines, 1 UTV with 70 gal of water, 1 four wheeler with 30 gal of water. I can provide custom burning for CRP fields and pasture fields, tree pile burning. My company is insured, bonded and have a certified crew. My crew has been trained to fight wildland fires and all carry certifications.