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Question:

(VMP/Cost Effective) In the summary (chart) of the analysis, found on page 30 of Exhibit CLP-VMP-1, the costs for the SMT approach are increasing each year, as are the number of miles covered. Please explain if the increase in cost is simply due to the increase in miles of vegetation that needs to be trimmed. In addition, in the same chart of the analysis, please explain the variance in annual cost under "cycle cost".

Response:

The increase in condition-based cost per condition-based year (e.g., year 1 to year 2) results from inflationary increases in cost combined with the need to include lower-risk segments from previous condition-based years (e.g., year 1) with higher-risk segments from the current condition-based year (e.g., year 2) due to continued encroachment growth. Please refer to CLP-VMP-2, page 34, for a visual representation of this concept.

The variance in cycle cost per cycle year results from the location and volume of the selected mileage per cycle year combined with projected inflationary increases in cost.