

## 8. Vegetation Control

Uncontrolled growth of vegetation along the right-of-way can cause damage to passing trains as well as reduce visibility for highway vehicles to view oncoming trains at grade crossings. Vegetation growth also reduces drainage through the ballast section of the track structure, thereby producing mud, and accelerating the deterioration of cross ties. Brush cutting will be required in order to restore an effective clearance envelope that meets the requirements of FRA Section 213.37.



SEGMENT	FROM MP	TO MP	MILES OF BRUSH CUTTING	ESTIMATED COST
<b>BURLINGTON to CHARLOTTE</b>	122	110	12	\$ 60,000
<b>CHARLOTTE to VERGENNES</b>	110	100	10	\$ 50,000
<b>VERGENNES to MIDDLEBURY</b>	100	87	13	\$ 65,000
<b>MIDDLEBURY to RUTLAND</b>	87	55	32	\$ 160,000
<b>RUTLAND to N. BENNINGTON</b>	55	0	55	\$ 275,000
<b>N. BENNINGTON to HOOSICK</b>	170	165	5	\$ 25,000
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>127</b>	<b>\$ 635,000</b>