

STATEMENT OF WORK-a
Prescribed Forestry
Maine

PRESCRIBED FORESTRY (409)**Deliverables:**

All of the following required deliverables will demonstrate that the criteria in NRCS Prescribed Forestry practice (409) standard and specifications have been met and are compatible with other NRCS program requirements:

- a. A complete statement of the management objectives
- b. Appropriately detailed resource inventories and analyses of the management units/subunits for the plan purpose(s), as well as related off-site information
- c. Information on human considerations
- d. Documentation of Environmental Compliance prior to all prescribed forestry plan activities for the management unit including:
 - i. Identification, evaluation and description of other ecological concerns, such as threatened and endangered species
 - ii. Documentation showing that NRCS has completed its responsibilities for compliance with a historic preservation review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; a statement of any remaining historic preservation activities to treat historic properties.
- e. Land units, locations, determinations, and legal land relationships described
- f. Identification of infrastructure physical features such as roads, houses, fences, power lines and other utilities
- g. Identification of how resources are presently managed, including kinds, amounts, and timing of management activities
- h. Clear statements of the present condition of the management unit(s) as well as related off-site information
- i. A complete definition of problems, opportunities, and concerns related to management unit being planned
- j. A description of the set (at least 2, including no action) of practical prescription alternatives available to meet the objectives of the landowner and natural resource concerns identified.
- k. Provide a list of applicable permits and certifications that have to be complied with for each alternative
- l. A written evaluation, for each alternative, displaying the effects and impacts to consider and use as a basis for decision making on the selected prescription alternative
- m. The written document with the selected prescription alternative, including potential program or implementation opportunities, and operation and maintenance plan
- n. Within the written document, include a specific schedule of all prescribed forestry plan activities the landowner has agreed to complete, including, but not limited to, pre-commercial forest stand improvement, tree and shrub pruning, tree and shrub establishment, road/trail/landing construction and repair, riparian forest buffer establishment, and pest management indicated by stand, acreage, month and year for the length of the prescribed forestry plan.
- o. Plan Preparer will certify that the prescribed forestry plan meets the Prescribed Forestry (409) practice standard criteria and specifications for the intended purpose(s) and complies with applicable laws and regulations. The **TSP Progress Report** should be used to certify the practice and report the practice location, amount, etc.

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- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), All Sections
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