

FIREBREAK (FEET)
CODE 394A
MONTANA CONSERVATION PRACTICE JOB SHEET
OPEN AREA

LANDOWNER	FIELD / MANAGEMENT UNIT	DATE
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT ITEM NUMBER	LENGTH (FEET)
		JOB CLASS

PURPOSE

Prevent or limit the spread of wildfire

FIREBREAK SPECIFICATIONS

FIREBREAK DURATION: Permanent (MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR)

FIREBREAK IS LOCATED AROUND: Idle croplands
 Open areas (RANGELAND—CROPLAND—PASTURELAND)

TREATMENT: BARE MINERAL SOIL * BURNED VEGETATION
 CHEMICAL BURNBACK GRAZING
 MOWING / CLIPPING LOW VEGETATION
 OTHER _____

* Also see SPECIFICATIONS for water erosion control practices.

1. IDLE CROPLAND FIREBREAKS

TYPE: SINGLE BARE GROUND STRIP
 TWO BARE GROUND STRIPS AND A MOWED AREA
 ONE BARE GROUND STRIP AND A MOWED AREA

SINGLE BARE GROUND STRIP WIDTH _____ FEET
(MINIMUM 50 FEET/MAXIMUM 200 FEET)

TWO BAR GROUND STRIPS AND A MOWED AREA STRIP WIDTH _____ FEET
(MINIMUM 50 FEET/MAXIMUM 200 FEET)

ONE BARE GROUND STRIP AND A MOWED AREA STRIP WIDTH _____ FEET
(MINIMUM 100 FEET/MAXIMUM 150 FEET)

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WATER BARS

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ROCK FRAGMENTS (%) – TOP 12" OF SOIL</u>	<u>SLOPE (%)</u>	<u>SPACING</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

VEGETATIVE SEEDING

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>SEEDING RATE (PLS)</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TOTAL SEED</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

JOB SKETCH

Attached Plan Map YES NO

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ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS

342–Critical Area Planting	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
512–Pasture and Hayland Planting	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
550–Range Seeding	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

ADDITIONAL NOTES

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

- Noxious weeds, by state law, must be controlled.
- Inspect and maintain erosion control practices annually to insure proper functioning.
- Inspect firebreaks periodically to insure that vegetation is controlled at the most opportune time.
- Mow or graze vegetative firebreaks to avoid a build-up of dead litter and to control weeds.
- Inspect for and remove weedy materials such as dead limbs and blown down trees from the firebreak.
- Access by vehicles or people will be controlled to prevent damage to the firebreak.
- Bare ground firebreaks which are no longer needed will be stabilized or reseeded to control weeds and erosion.
- Burned, grazed, and mowed/clipped strips will be reclipped if the vegetation regrows and achieves more than approximately eight (8) inches in height.

APPROVALS:

NRCS Conservationist

JOB APPROVAL AUTHORITY

Date

Producer

Date

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Installation Certification:

Land Cover Type: _____

Type Firebreak Installed: _____

Firebreak Width Installed: _____ FEET ADEQUATE _____

Numbers of Water Bars Installed: _____ ADEQUATE _____

Spacing Between Water Bars Installed: _____ FEET ADEQUATE _____

Species Seeded: _____

Seeding Rate (PLS): _____ POUNDS/ACRE ADEQUATE _____

Acres Seeded: _____ ADEQUATE _____

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

I hereby certify that this practice has been installed in accordance with NRCS standards and specifications.

NRCS Conservationist

JOB APPROVAL AUTHORITY

Date

Date