

## **STATEMENT OF WORK**

### **Forest Stand Improvement (666)**

**These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.**

#### **DESIGN**

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##### **Deliverables:**

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
  - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
  - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
  - c. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
    - i. Inventory of the existing stand
    - ii. Utilization of landowner objectives and practice purposes (determined in Step a) to determine planned treatment – either thinning or harvest-regeneration – including the species of tree and understory vegetation to be retained
    - iii. Timing and method of removal for trees and understory to be eliminated
    - iv. Mitigation of wildfire hazard, erosion, runoff, soil compaction and soil displacement to acceptable levels
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describe the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance.
4. Certification that the Forest Stand Improvement implementation meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Design modifications during installation as required.

#### **INSTALLATION**

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##### **Deliverables**

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Layout and, as applicable, sample marking of 'leave' trees or 'take' trees according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Application guidance as needed.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the application process and materials meet design and permit requirements.

#### **CHECK OUT**

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##### **Deliverables**

1. Records of application.
  - a. Extent of practice units applied
  - b. Actual mitigation measures used and applied
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Progress reporting.

#### **REFERENCES**

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- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Forest Stand Improvement, 666
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook