



**NRCS**  
NEBRASKA

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Job Approval Authority for Prescribed Burning**

**NE-ECS-70**

<b>EMPLOYEE NAME</b>		
<b>JOB TITLE</b>		
<b>LOCATION</b>		
<b>EXPIRATION DATE</b>		
<b>Job Class</b>	<b>Job Class Description</b>	<b>Certification Level (X)</b>
<b>Ia</b>	Conservation Planning. Allows for Prescribed Burning (338) and burned Firebreak (395) practice to be scheduled in a conservation plan or contract. Individuals must have completed the Nebraska computer module and test, and 8 hours of approved additional training.	
<b>Ib</b>	Size of area: < 640 acres Vegetation: <u>Non-volatile herbaceous</u> Terrain: 5% slope or less	
<b>II</b>	Size of Area: < 100 acres Vegetation: <u>Non-volatile herbaceous</u> species plus <u>volatile herbaceous</u> species and live <u>volatile woody</u> species < 4 ' tall. Terrain: 15% slopes or less	
<b>III</b>	Size of Area: < 640 acres. Vegetation: <u>Non-volatile and volatile herbaceous</u> plant species, plus live <u>volatile woody</u> species > 4' tall and dead volatile woody species. Terrain: 15% slope or less	
<b>IV</b>	Size of Area: no restrictions Vegetation: no restrictions. Terrain: no restrictions	
<i>This individual has met all the requirements for an NRCS Prescribed Burn Planner. Certification as a planner coincides with the expiration date of the Prescribed Burn Job Approval Authority.</i>		
<b>CONCURRENCE</b>		
	Supervisor Signature	Date
<b>ISSUED BY</b>		
	SRC designee(State Prescribed Burn Specialist)	Date

## Prescribed Burning Job Classifications

Class of Burn	Purpose
Ia	Conservation Planning
Ib	Maintenance Burn
II	Maintenance Burn
III	Maintenance Burn
IV	Maintenance Burn

*Contiguous areas to be burned on a single management unit during the same growing season are considered one prescribed burn regardless of the number of individual segments or firing sequences the burn may be divided into. The total acres for any prescribed burn cannot exceed the size of area limitations for the appropriate job classification.*

*For Class Ib JAA and above, an employee must have previously met the qualifications for Class Ia JAA. Employees with class Ia JAA may write burn plans, which must be reviewed and approved by a certified planner at or above the level of the plan. Class Ia employees may also participate in burns that are approved under current NRCS Nebraska state policy.*

Class	REQUIREMENTS
Ia	Individuals must have completed the Nebraska computer module and test, and 8 hours of approved additional training.
Ib	Individuals must have Class Ia authority, have planned and assisted in conducting at least three Class Ib (or above) burns that are approved under current NRCS Nebraska state policy and have demonstrated good judgement, knowledge, and skills for Class Ib burns.
II	Individuals must have Class Ib authority, have planned and assisted in conducting at least three Class II (or above) burns that are approved under current NRCS Nebraska state policy and have demonstrated good judgement, knowledge, and skills for Class II burns.
III	Individuals must have Class II authority, have planned and assisted in conducting at least three Class III (or above) burns that are approved under current NRCS Nebraska state policy and have demonstrated good judgement, knowledge, and skills for Class III burns.
IV	Individuals must have Class III authority, have planned and assisted in conducting at least three Class IV burns that are approved under current NRCS Nebraska state policy and have demonstrated good judgement, knowledge, and skills for Class IV burns.