

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
INTERIM SPECIFICATION for CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

PRESCRIBED BURNING

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CODE 338

This Interim Specification identifies additional planning requirements for application of Prescribed Burning, 338, for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Mid-Contract Management.

1. Maintaining or Enhancing Conservation Reserve Program land.

The purpose for this management activity is to restore and maintain the ecological site with primary benefit to soil protection and wildlife enhancement.

- A. Prescribed burning activity shall not occur until the seeding is well established. It is recommended that this activity only occur once during a 10-year CRP contract and occur between years 5 and 7 of the CRP contract. Prescribed burning will not be allowed on Sandy Ecological Sites.
- B. To protect wildlife habitat the burning should not be applied during the periods of March 15 through July 15. To protect the soil and plant resources the burn should be specifically designed in size, shape, and time frame to minimize soil movement. **Prescribed burn plans for CRP Mid-Contract Management must be approved by the State Range Conservationist prior to implementation.**
- C. The prescribed burn plan required to implement this practice will be Colorado State Forest Service, CSFS #170 form.
- D. Firebreaks required in the Prescribed Burning plan shall meet the Firebreak Standard (394) criteria.
- E. Burn a maximum 1/3 of the enrolled acreage between contract years five and seven on a rotating basis. The producer may request a variance from NRCS to treat more than 1/3 of the enrolled acreage in a given year if the acreage is less than 160 acres. NRCS should consult with CDOW prior to making the determination on the variance.
- F. Management after prescribed burning requires no grazing for the first growing season and a 50 percent reduction of the carrying capacity during the second growing season.
- G. Completion of applicable job sheets and page 2 of this interim specification is required.

Mid-Contract Management Plan for Prescribed Burning

The following information when completed with map attached is considered the conservation plan of operation for CRP Mid-Contract Management.

CRP Owner:	_____	CRP Contract #:	_____
Farm Number:	_____	Tract Number:	_____
Total Acreage:	_____	Field Number:	_____
Acres Planned:	_____	CP Practice:	_____
Planned Operation:	_____	Predominant Grass Species:	_____
Planned Start Date:	_____	Planned End Date:	_____

A copy of the approved burn plan (*CSFS #170 form*) must be attached prior to approval of this mid-contract management activity.

FSA Approval and Date: _____

Producer Signature and Date: _____

Planner Signature and Date: _____

Check-out of CRP Mid-Contract Management plan:

Acres Manipulated:	_____	Percent Burned:	_____
Date Started:	_____	Date Completed:	_____
Certifying Individual & Date:	_____		