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**ALABAMA TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE 42.**

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**SECTION IV FOTG**

**STANDARDS**

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**Brush Management, Code 314 – 8/10** - This is a new standard for Alabama, but it has been used for many years in other states. This standard applies to the management or removal of woody (non-herbaceous) plants on all lands except active cropland. In forest land, this standard will apply to the removal of woody invasives listed on the Alabama Invasive Plant Council's list of Alabama's 10 worst invasive weeds. The management of any other woody plant in forest land will fall under Forest Stand Improvement, Code 666.

**Herbaceous Weed Control, Code-315 – 8/10** – This is a new standard to provide for herbaceous weed control on lands not actively in crop production. Requirements are included for biological, chemical, and mechanical control.

**Further Explanation for the new standards, Code 314 and Code 315:**

**In March, 2010, the National Standard, Pest Management, Code 595, was renamed “Integrated Pest Management (Code 595).”** – The practice was revised to include specific NRCS Integrated Pest Management (IPM) risk reduction techniques to address identified hazards related to cultural, biological, and chemical pest suppression strategies. The name of the standard was changed to reflect the IPM approach to reduce the risks/hazards related to pest prevention, avoidance, monitoring, and suppression activities. Due to these changes, Practice Code 595 can only be used for risk prevention activities. Therefore, in most situations, Practice Codes 314 and 315 are the standards to be used for management, control, and removal of plants.

**JOB SHEETS**

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**Brush Management, Job Sheet No. AL314 – 8/10** – new job sheet

**Herbaceous Weed Control, Job Sheet No. AL315 – 8/10** – new job sheet

**Migratory Shorebird Habitat Management, Guide Sheet No. AL646A – 8/10** – new job sheet

**Pest Management, Job Sheet No. AL595C – 8/10** - This job sheet was previously numbered AL595. This job sheet was modified to incorporate the matrix table *Mitigation Effectiveness Guide – Reducing Pesticide Impacts on Water Quality* into this job sheet.

**Shrub Planting, Job Sheet No. AL612B – 8/10** – The Plant Species table was revised. Shrub lespedeza, Chinese chestnut, and sawtooth oak were removed. American beautyberry, dwarf chinquapin oak, and hawthorne were added to the table. Some plant spacing widths were changed to be consistent with Hedgerow Planting, code 422. Also, the reference section was updated.

**STATEMENTS OF WORK**

**Brush Management**

**Herbaceous Weed Control**

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