

FIREBREAK

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Conservation Practice Job Sheet

Landowner _____ Field numbers(s) _____

Purpose (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prevent the spread of wildfire	<input type="checkbox"/> Control prescribed burns
Layout	
Firebreak width:	
Firebreak length:	
Water bar (No. & Location):	
Diversions (No. & Location):	
Vegetative cover (Species):	
Vegetative cover (Seeding rate and date):	

General Considerations:

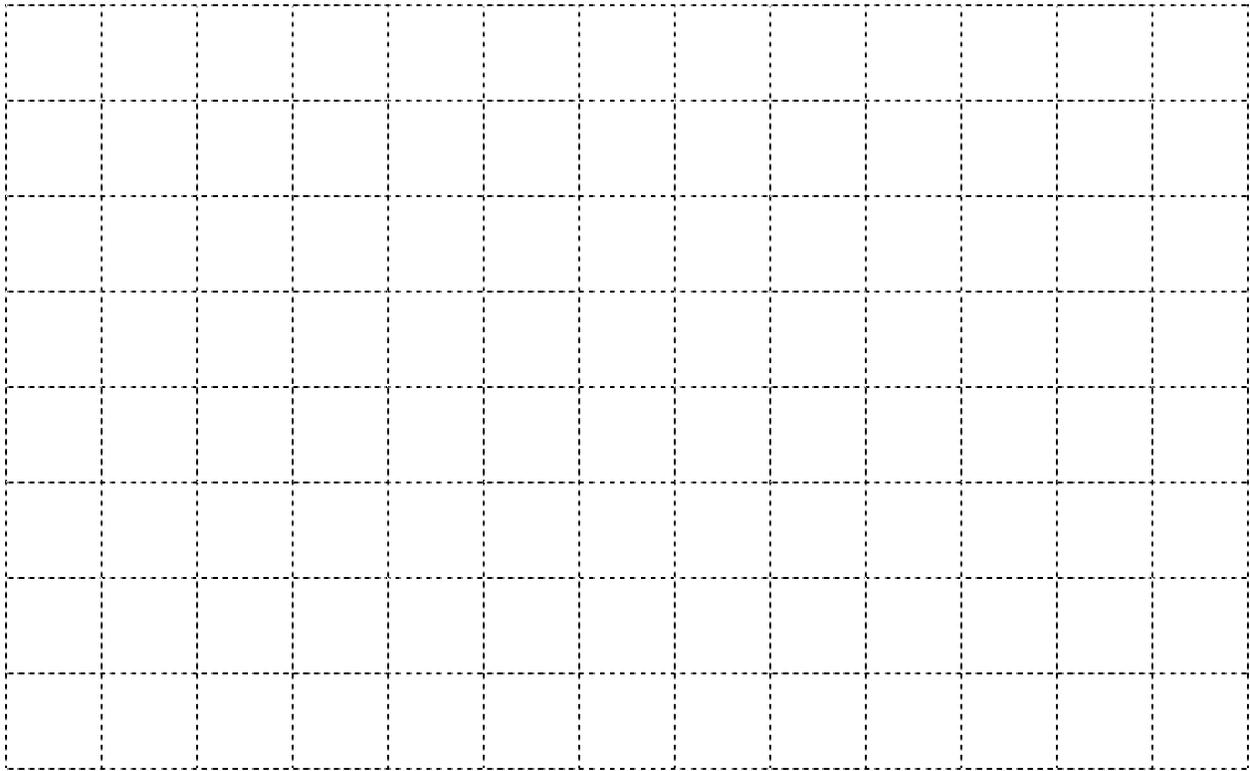
1. Firebreaks should consist of fire-resistant vegetation, non-flammable materials, bare ground, or a combination of these.
2. Firebreaks must be of sufficient width and length to contain the expected fire.
3. Firebreaks shall be located to minimize risk to the resources being protected, including location on the contour where practicable to minimize risk of soil erosion. Attempt to locate firebreaks near ridge crests and valley bottoms. If winds are predictable, firebreaks should be located perpendicular to the wind and on the windward side of the area to be protected.
4. Back blade firebreaks away from the edge of streams, roads, or gullies.
5. Install water bars and water turnouts at approaches to streams, roads, and gullies to prevent channeling water from firebreaks into these areas.
6. Plant species selected for vegetated firebreaks will be noninvasive, comprised of attributes making them capable of retarding fire, and easy to maintain. Consider the selection of plant species that will enhance the needs of wildlife in the area.
7. Mow or graze vegetative firebreaks to avoid a build-up of excess litter and to control weeds.
8. Inspect all firebreaks for woody materials such as dead limbs or blown down trees and remove them from the firebreak.
9. Inspect firebreaks annually and rework bare ground firebreaks as necessary to keep them clear of flammable vegetation.
10. Repair erosion control measures as necessary to ensure proper function.
11. Access by vehicles should be controlled to prevent damage to the firebreak.
12. Existing roads may be used as firebreaks if properly maintained. They should be at least 10 feet wide if used for this purpose.

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If needed, an aerial view or a side view of the practice can be shown below. Other relevant information, complementary practices and measures, and additional specifications may be included.

Scale 1"=_____ ft. (NA indicates sketch not to scale: grid size=1/2" by 1/2")



Additional Specifications and Notes: