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Conservation Practice Standard Overview

Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats (643)

Restoration and management of rare or declining habitats reestablishes and/or renovates unique or diminishing native terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.

Practice Information

This practice applies to any landscape that once supported or currently supports the habitat to be restored or managed. Designed structural, vegetative, or management activities will improve habitat for target species.

Conservation benefits may include, but are not limited to:

- restoration of land or aquatic habitats degraded by human activity
- improved habitat for rare and declining terrestrial and aquatic wildlife species
- increased native plant community diversity

Common Associated Practices

Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats (643) is commonly applied with conservation practices such as Animal Trails and Walkways (575), Brush Management (314), Conservation Cover (327), Early Successional Habitat Development/ Management (647), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), Prescribed Burning (338), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), and Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.