

## STATEMENT OF WORK

### Fuel Break

Code (383)

#### DESIGN

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##### Deliverables:

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
  - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
  - b. Inform the decision maker they are responsible for any required permits
  - c. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
    - i. Determination of woody plants to be treated to achieve intended purpose(s)
    - ii. Dimensions of fuel break.
    - iii. Average canopy spacing desired.
    - iv. Fuel load (Maximum allowable).
    - v. Treatment method.
    - vi. Treatment acres.
    - vii. Fuel break acres.
    - viii. Grass/forb species, seeding rates if needed.
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Specification sheet provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to apply the practice and to obtain necessary permits.
4. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance.
5. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
6. Design modifications during installation as required.

#### INSTALLATION

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##### Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Application guidance as needed.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the application process and materials meet design and permit requirements.

#### CHECK OUT

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##### Deliverables

1. Records of application.
  - a. Extent of practice units applied
  - b. Indications of actual materials used to implement the practice
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Progress reporting.

## **REFERENCES**

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- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Fuel Break, 383
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook