

Job Sheet for  
**Prescribed Burning  
for Wildlife Habitat**  
(338, 645)

**Purpose:** **Prescribed burning** is applying a controlled fire to a predetermined area as a habitat management tool. It is used to improve wildlife habitat by setting back the successional stage of an area, controlling undesirable vegetation, and reducing wildfire hazards.

**Requirements:**

- **Must** have a written burn plan
- Burn **must** be conducted under the supervision of a qualified and trained individual, preferably a Certified Prescribed Fire Manager
- Burning should be managed with consideration for wildlife needs such as nesting and feeding cover
- For wildlife benefits, late February or early March is the best time to burn, however, growing season burning in late May or early June is appropriate under certain circumstances
- The area should be burned on a 3-year cycle

**Maintenance:**

- Approximately one-third of the managed area should be burned annually
- **Note:** Strips or blocks may be left unburned within the burned area to provide a continuous source of cover and nesting habitat

**Primary Habitat Consideration:**

- Improve natural food and cover for deer, doves, quail, turkeys, and various songbirds



