

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Planning Resource Management Systems

Wildlife habitat can be developed in all resource management systems. Successful resource management is accomplished by correct application of conservation practices to establish and maintain the desired wildlife habitat. Conservation practice standards contain planning considerations that suggest how wildlife habitat can be maximized using almost any vegetative practice.

Since the habitat needs of wild animals vary from species to species, no universal resource management system can be prescribed. It may be possible to develop common wildlife resource management systems for specific wildlife species, or specific land use patterns at a local, or regional level.

A Wildlife RMS is implemented by planning and applying conservation practices that establish and maintain the desired wildlife habitat for a group of wild animals, or a single declining species living within the ecosystem; and the objectives of the land user. The combined effect of selected practices shall meet the year round habitat requirements of the desired animal(s) and the quality criteria for each resource. Where a wildlife RMS is planned, quality criteria must be met for each of the resource concerns as explained in Section III of the Field Office Technical Guide.

ESSENTIAL Practices-- These practices can be essential to the successful development of wildlife habitat. One or more of the following shall always be planned to develop a RMS for wildlife:

Field Border (Code 386)	Shallow Water Mgt. (Code 646)
Filter Strip (Code 393)	Upland Wildlife Habitat Mgt. (Code 645)
Forest Stand Improvement (Code 666)	Wetland Creation (Code 658)
Hedgerow Planting (Code 422)	Wetland Enhancement (Code 659)
Pasture & Hay Planting (Code 512)	Wetland Restoration (Code 657)
Prescribed Burning (Code 338)	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Mgt. (Code 644)
Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391)	

DESIRABLE Practices— These practices may facilitate the application and effectiveness of an essential practice.

Brush Management (Code 314)	Forest Site Preparation (Code 490)
Conservation Cover (Code 327)	Stream bank & Shoreline Protect. (Code 580)
Critical Area Planting (Code 342)	Structure for Water Control (Code 587)
Dike (Code 356)	Tree/Shrub Establishment (Code 612)
Fence (Code 382)	Water Table Control (Code 641)
Firebreak (Code 394)	