

STATEMENT OF WORK
Forest Stand Improvement (666)
Kansas
February 2012

State contact: State Resource Conservationist

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables, refer to those specific statements of work.

DESIGN

Deliverables

1. Pre-design conference with client.
2. Contact district forester for planning assistance.
3. Planned practice as identified in the conservation plan will address the identified resource concern.
4. If enrolled in a conservation program, this practice must meet all conditions and requirements of program enrollment that may exceed the practice standard.
5. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices. (Form KS-ECS-5, Tree/Shrub Planting, and/or Form KS-ECS-23, Vegetative Management)
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
 - c. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to the following:
 - i. Determination of the harvest-regeneration strategy and the species of tree and under-story vegetation to be retained
 - ii. Timing and method of removal for trees and under-story to be eliminated
 - iii. Mitigation of wildfire hazard, erosion, runoff, soil compaction and soil displacement to acceptable levels
6. Written plans and specifications (including sketches and drawings) shall be provided to the client that adequately describe the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
7. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations and documented on Form KS-ECS-5 and/or Form KS-ECS-23.
8. Certification that the client has reviewed the design and agrees to carry out the practice as planned will be documented on Form KS-ECS-5 and/or Form KS-ECS-23.
9. Compliance with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws and regulations and NRCS policies during design will be documented on Form NRCS-CPA-52, Environmental Evaluation Worksheet, for Conservation Planning.
10. Compliance with NRCS national and state utility safety requirements (National Engineering Manual [NEM] Sections 503.0 through 503.6 and NEM Part KS503).
11. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance.
12. Progress reporting.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Layout and, as applicable, sample marking of 'leave' trees or 'take' trees 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.

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7. Certification that the application process and materials meet design and permit requirements and documented on Form KS-ECS-5 and Form KS-ECS-23.

CHECKOUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application.
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Actual mitigation measures used and applied
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits (Form KS-ECS-5 and Form KS-ECS-23).
3. Progress reporting.

REFERENCES

- NRCS electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practices 338, Prescribed Burning; 472, Access Control; 643, Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats; 647, Early Successional Habitat Development and Management; 666, Forest Stand Improvement; 380, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment; 612, Tree/Shrub Establishment; 490, Forest Stand Preparation; 655, Forest Trails and Landings; and 650, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook, Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook
- Kansas NRCS Web site, Technical Resources/Technical Notes/Ecological Sciences/Forestry Technical Note 9
- NRCS eFOTG, Section II, Soils Information/County/County Soil Data Mart/Map Unit Name/Windbreaks and Environmental Plantings
- NEM Sections 503.0 through 503.6 and NEM Part KS503