

# USDA UPLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT

*Conservation Practice Jobsheet*

645

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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Landowner \_\_\_\_\_



## WHAT IS UPLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT

Upland wildlife habitat management is to provide and manage upland habitats and connectivity within the landscape for wildlife.

## PURPOSE

This practice may be applied to treat upland wildlife habitat concerns identified during the conservation planning process that enable movement, or provide shelter, cover, and food in proper amounts, locations and times to sustain wild animals that inhabit uplands during a portion of their life cycle.

## CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

This practice applies on land where the decision maker has identified an objective for conserving a wild animal species, guild, suite or ecosystem.

Land within the range of targeted wildlife species and capable of supporting the desired habitat.

## CONSIDERATIONS

This practice may affect the target species as well as non-target species through mechanisms such as hunting, predation, disease transmission, nest parasitism, etc. Consider effects of this practice on species with declining populations.

Wildlife population control may be necessary to protect and maintain certain habitats. This is a responsibility of the landowner. State and federal regulations may apply to population control methods.

Undisturbed areas conserved at a sufficient extent during management activities, may sustain disturbance-intolerant animals and plants.

Other conservation practices that may be utilized in conjunction with this practice to create a wildlife management plan include:

- Pasture & Hay Planting (512)
- Wildlife Watering Facility (648)

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- Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647)
- Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats (643)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Range Planting (550)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Prescribed Burning (338)
- Forage Harvest Management (511)
- Use Exclusion (472)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Forest Stand Improvement (666)

#### **PRACTICE SPECIFICATIONS**

NRCS shall ensure that plans and specifications for this practice are prepared by persons with adequate training in the fields of wildlife management, biology or ecology.

Written specifications, schedules and maps shall be prepared for each planning area and each habitat type.

Specifications shall:

- Identify the amounts and kinds habitat elements, locations and management actions necessary to achieve the client's management objectives.
- Describe the appropriate method, timing and intensity of management needed to produce the desired habitat conditions and sustain them over time.

Specifications shall be transmitted to clients using NRCS approved specifications sheets, job sheets, or customized narrative statements included in the conservation plan.

#### **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

The following actions shall be carried out to ensure that this practice functions as intended throughout its expected life:

- Evaluate habitat conditions on a regular basis in order to adapt the conservation plan and schedule of implementation.
- Annually inspect and repair structural or vegetative components of this practice.

## UPLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT MGMT – SPECIFICATIONS SHEET

Landowner/Cooperator \_\_\_\_\_

Field Office \_\_\_\_\_

Plan Number \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

### Purpose/Objective of the Practice (Check all that apply)

	To treat upland wildlife habitat concerns identified during the conservation planning process that enable movement, or provide shelter, cover, and food in proper amounts, locations, and times to sustain wild animals that inhabit uplands during a portion of their life cycle.
	Other _____

Species of Concern	
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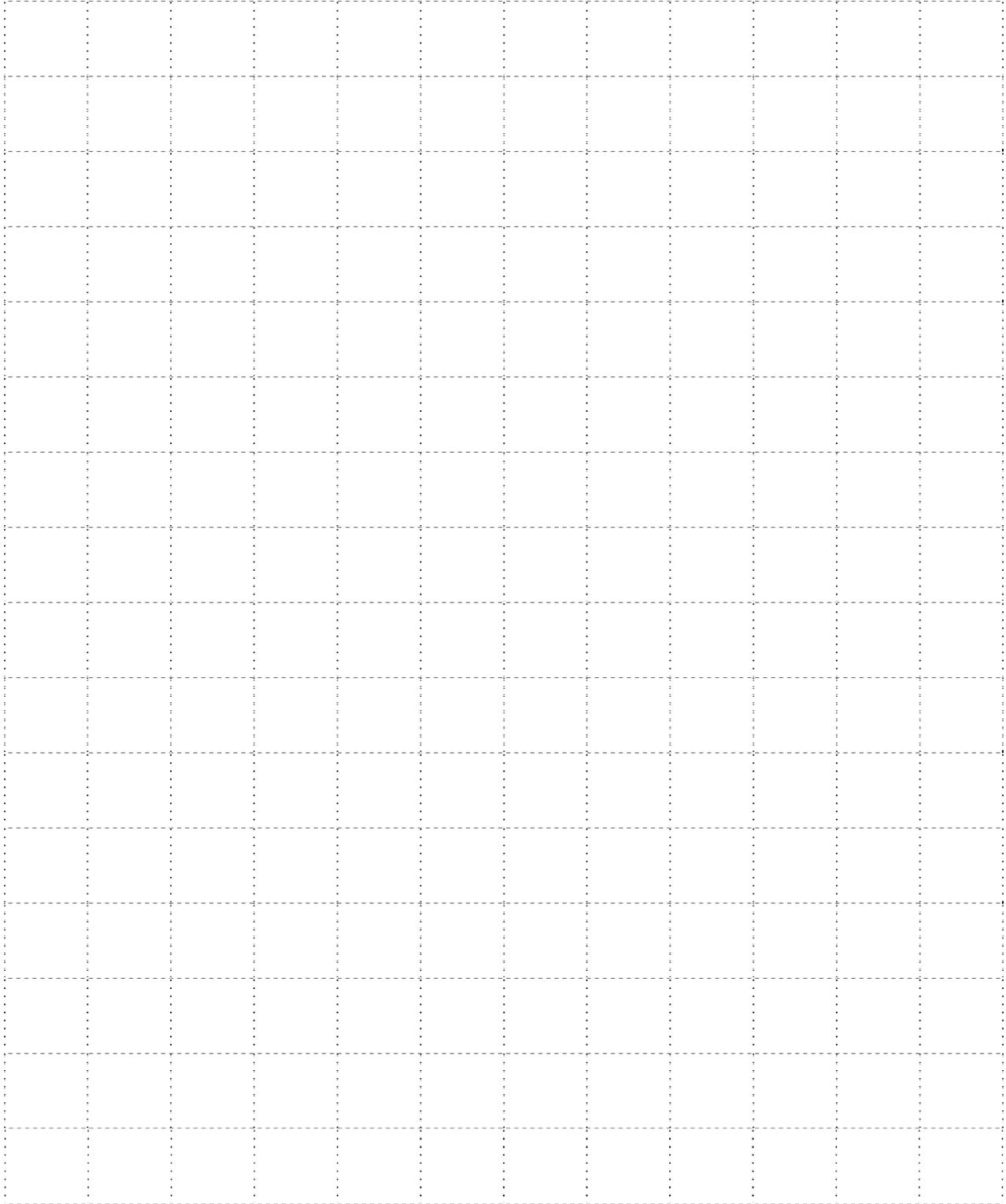
### Site Conditions

Document how habitat elements are being addressed:

Food	
Cover	
Water	
Interspersion and Distance	
Migration (if applicable)	

If applicable, provide a site view of the practice design and application in area below or as an attached diagram. Location of other relevant information and complimentary practices may be included.

Scale 1"= \_\_\_\_\_ ft. (NA indicates sketch not to scale: grid size=1/2" by 1/2")



### Additional Specifications and Notes

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### Practice Design Certification (To be completed after jobsheet is complete and before practice installation)

By signing below, I certify that:

- the site specific requirements for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the practice on the client's treatment unit, as recorded in this jobsheet, have been prepared in accordance with the 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management Standard and the guidance in the 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management Practice Specification.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Practice Installation Certification (To be completed after practice installation and check out)

By signing below, I certify that:

- The practice has been installed according to the site specific installation requirements

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This practice requires a current Louisiana One Call Dottie Confirmation Number.**

**Call before you dig**, wait 48 hours for the site to be marked, observe the marks and dig with care. The service is free. It's the law! Civil Penalties range up to \$25,000 for violations of the "Dig" law.



### **Failure to notify Louisiana One Call before installing this practice may delay or terminate NRCS assistance.**

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