

**STATEMENT OF WORK**  
**Forest Stand Improvement (666)**  
**Maine**

**These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.**

## **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. 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:
    - i. Determination of the silvicultural system, harvest-regeneration strategy and the species of tree and understory vegetation to be retained and/or invasive or undesirable plants to be removed
    - ii. Pre-treatment inventory and expected composition, stocking, growth and quality of residual stand
    - iii. Mitigation of wildfire hazard, erosion, runoff, soil compaction and soil displacement to acceptable levels
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings will be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations by signing approvals on the job sheet or by signing project plan with a statement that the practice design meets NRCS standards and specs.
5. Design modifications during installation as required.
6. Completed TSP Progress Report

## **INSTALLATION**

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### **Deliverables**

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Description of layout and marking methods will be in according to plans and specifications.
4. Application guidance as needed.
5. Any variance from the specification guide must have written justification and be mutually agreed upon by client, TSP Forester and NRCS Field Office.
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.
8. Completed TSP Progress Report

## **CHECK OUT**

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### **Deliverables**

1. Records of application
2. Location, extent and photo documentation practice units applied
3. Actual mitigation measures used and applied
4. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits through:
  - a. completing the check-out section of the job sheet or signing project plan with statement that the practice meets NRCS standard and specs; and,
  - b. providing variance documentation when applicable
5. Completed TSP Progress Report

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