

**STATEMENT OF WORK**  
**Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647)**  
**Issued October 2006**  
**Contact: NRCS State Biologist at 701-530-2078**

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**DESIGN**

**Deliverables:**

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices:
    - a. Practice goal(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
    - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client.
    - c. List all required and/or facilitating practices.
    - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
      - i. Desired plant community
      - ii. Erosion calculations
      - iii. Type of Vegetative manipulation
        1. Mechanical, Inter-seeding, Prescribed Grazing, Prescribed Burning, Chemical
      - iv. Species selection
      - v. Wildlife considerations
        1. Dates manipulation will occur
  2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits:
    - a. Include specie(s) manipulated
    - b. Early Successional Management Data – Form ND-CPA-647
    - c. Applicable forms for facilitating practice (e.g. Prescribed Burn Job Sheet)
  3. Operation and maintenance plan.
  4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
  5. Design modifications during application as required.
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**INSTALLATION**

**Deliverables:**

1. Pre-application conference with client.
  2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
  3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
  4. Application guidance as needed:
    - a. Early Successional Management Data – Form ND-CPA-647
  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 application.
  7. Certification that the application process and materials meets design and permit requirements.
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**CHECK OUT**

**Deliverables:**

1. Records of application:
  - a. Extent of practice units applied.
  - b. Actual materials used.
  - c. Early Successional Management Data – Form ND-CPA-647.
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Record progress reporting according to NRCS policy.

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**REFERENCES**

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) Section IV – Conservation Practices – Early Successional Habitat Development/Management – 647 – Standard
- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) Section IV – Conservation Practices – Early Successional Habitat Development/Management – 647 – Design, Installation, Check out and Installation Guide
- NRCS National Biology Manual
- NRCS National Biology Handbook
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook