



Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM22 – Restoration and management of rare or declining habitats

State Criteria

Refer to [Terrestrial Natural Communities of Nebraska \(Version III – June 30, 2003\), \(Biology Technical Note #65\)](#), for more detailed information on plant communities considered rare or declining. The following plant communities are listed as either critically imperiled or imperiled (S1 or S2):

Woodland and Forest Communities

- Ponderosa Pine Forest
- Oak-Hickory-Ironwood Forest
- Bur Oak-Basswood-Ironwood Forest
- Paper Birch Springbranch Canyon Forest
- Red Oak-Basswood-Ironwood Forest
- Upland Bur Oak Forest
- Lowland Bur Oak Forest
- Lowland Hackberry-Black Walnut Forest
- Eastern Cottonwood-Dogwood Riparian Forest
- Eastern Cottonwood-Willow Riparian Forest
- Green Ash-Elm Canyon Bottom Forest
- Oak Woodland

Wetland Herbaceous Communities

- Marsh Seep
- Prairie Fen
- Sandhills Fen
- Pond Marsh
- Eastern Saline Marsh
- Eastern Cordgrass Wet Prairie
- Eastern Saline Meadow
- Eastern Sedge Wet Meadow
- Northern Cordgrass Wet Prairie
- Playa Wetland
- Western Streamside Wet Meadow
- Spikerush Vernal Pool
- Wheatgrass Playa Grassland

Upland Herbaceous Communities

- Sand Sage Prairie
- Tallgrass Prairie
- Wet-Mesic Tallgrass Prairie
- Missouri River Valley Dune Prairie
- Missouri River Floodplain Terrace Grassland
- Silver Sagebrush Shrub Prairie
- Greasewood Shrub Prairie
- Shortgrass Prairie
- Loess Bluff Prairie
- Northern Sand/Gravel Prairie



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Assistance from a qualified wildlife biologist or botanist is required to conduct the pre-treatment habitat assessment and management plan, including any proposed livestock grazing, following the initial restoration effort. An [NE-CPA-14 Wildlife Development/Management Plan](#) may be used to document these items.

Primary nesting and fawning season is May 1 through July 15. Mowing to facilitate the restoration may not occur during this period. Typically, a minimum of two growing seasons will be required following seeding prior to implementing a grazing management plan. No grazing will be allowed on areas established to trees or shrubs to restore a woodland or forest community. Other management activities deemed suitable to compliment the plant community restoration (i.e. prescribed burning) can be conducted with approval from NRCS staff and inclusion within the management plan.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the Table below, as needed for management activities including grazing/invasive species control:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Tract	Field	Planned Acres	Proposed Activity	Approximate Timeframe	Applied Acres	Applied Activity	Date Applied
<i>EX.101</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>Prescribed Burning</i>	<i>March of 2013</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>Prescribed Burning</i>	<i>April of 2013</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-5 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 6-8 PRODUCER COMPLETES

I certify that the prairie restoration meets these specifications including the following documentation as applicable:

1. Completed [NE-CPA-8 Grass Seeding Job Sheet](#) and associated seed tags, and bills as required.
2. Completed [NE-CPA-15 Tree Planting Job Sheet](#) and associated invoices for trees/shrubs, as required.
3. Attach a management plan that includes the plant community being restored, criteria for success (i.e. species diversity, establishment rate, etc.), pre-treatment habitat assessment, and detailed maintenance or management activities permitted (i.e. grazing) or required (i.e. invasive species control).
4. Documentation of any management practices to be performed – (SEE ABOVE TABLE).
5. Map with plant community restoration area clearly identified (highlighted, outlined, etc.).

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____