



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

### **State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)**

#### **Additional Criteria for Nebraska**

Refer to [Terrestrial Natural Communities of Nebraska \(Version IV – March 9, 2010\)](#), ([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
- Eastern Cottonwood-Dogwood Riparian Forest
- Green Ash-Elm-Hackberry Canyon Bottom Woodland
- Cottonwood-Diamond Willow Woodland
- Cottonwood Riparian Woodland
- Peachleaf Willow Woodland
- Mesic Bur Oak Forest and Woodland
- Dry-Mesic Bur Oak Forest and Woodland
- Sandstone Upland Bur Oak Woodland
- Basswood-Ironwood Springbranch Canyon Forest
- Dry-Mesic Ponderosa Pine Woodland
- Buffaloberry Shrubland
- Skunkbrush Sumac Shrubland

#### Wetland Herbaceous Communities

- Prairie Fen
- Sandhills Fen
- Eastern Saline Marsh
- Eastern Cordgrass Wet Prairie
- Eastern Saline Meadow
- Eastern Sedge Wet Meadow
- Northern Cordgrass Wet Prairie
- Playa Wetland
- Western Sedge Wet Meadow
- Spikerush Vernal Pool
- Wheatgrass Playa Grassland
- Sandhills Wet Meadow
- Western Subirrigated Alkaline Meadow
- Cattail Shallow Marsh
- American Lotus Aquatic Wetland
- Water-lily Aquatic Wetland



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Upland Herbaceous Communities

- Sandhills Mesic Tall-grass Prairie
- Missouri River Valley Dune Grassland
- Missouri River Floodplain Terrace Grassland
- Silver Sagebrush Shrub Prairie
- Greasewood Shrub Prairie
- Northern Loess/Shale Bluff Prairie
- Southern Sand/Gravel Prairie
- Upland Tall-grass Prairie
- Dakota Sandstone Tall-grass Prairie
- Lowland Tall-grass Prairie
- Riverine Gravel Flats

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 (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)  
 ADDITIONAL STATE 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



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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_