United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM27 – Wildlife friendly fencing

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)
Additional Criteria for Nebraska

1) Improve Passage
   - Seasonal electric fence must be removed when not in use.
   - All other options listed should be placed at common big game crossing locations.
   - Removal of functional fence segments that are no longer needed and doesn't meet wildlife-friendly requirements can also qualify for this option.
   - Modifications to fence segments that do not currently meet wire height and spacing requirements can be used to meet the requirements of this enhancement to improve passage using the wire spacing requirements noted below to accommodate big game passage:
     A) 42" or less top wire height;
     B) Bottom wire is 16" or greater from the ground for barbed wired, OR 12" or greater from the ground for smooth wire;
     C) Top 2 wires are at least 12" apart; and
     D) No woven wire.

2) Improve Visibility
   - Use criteria outlined in Nebraska Biology Technical Note 82.
   - Prioritize fence segments which commonly create wildlife collision, entanglement, or fatalities including big game crossing locations, across bodies of water such as steams or wetlands, or near wildlife breeding grounds such as grouse leks.

Information on techniques can be found in the Nebraska Biology Technical Note 82: **A Landowner's Guide to Wildlife Friendly Fences: How to Build Fence with Wildlife in Mind**
http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/NE/A_Landowners_Guide_to_Wildlife_Friendly_Fences_Montana_Fish_Wildlife_and_Parks.pdf

Documentation Requirements (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)
Complete the table below to document approved operation/maintenance and management activities:

To be completed by NRCS and Producer during planning Total Feet of Fence_____ Feet of Fence to Treat (20%)_____				To be completed by Producer during certification (if different than planned)	
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**
Tract	Field	Feet Treated (planned)	Treatment Type • Wire Spacing • Removal • Crossing Accommodations • Visibility Markers	Implemented Activity (feet of fence)	Applied Dates
EX. 100	*R2*	*5,280*	*Removal of fence not meeting spacing*	*Removed 5,280 feet*	*05/01/2012*

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-4 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 5-6 PRODUCER COMPLETES

I certify that the wildlife friendly fencing meets these specifications including the following documentation as applicable:

1. Completed FENCE CONSTRUCTION JOBSHEET
   http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/NE/NE-CPA-1(fence_constr).pdf

Certified by: _____ Date:_____