



Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM36 – Enhance wildlife habitat on expired tree covered CRP acres or acres with similar woody cover managed as forestland

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)

Additional Criteria for Nebraska

The wildlife management objectives for most forest management plans using this enhancement will include one or more of the following targeted wildlife species:

- Woodland-dependent At-Risk Wildlife – including species such as Cerulean warbler, pinyon jay, wood thrush, tawny crescent, fringe-tailed myotis, and Southern flying squirrel.
- Wildlife of National or Regional Importance – including species such as Northern bobwhite quail, American woodcock, Rocky Mountain elk, and Eastern or mountain bluebird.

Assistance from a qualified wildlife biologist and a forester or NRCS staff with adequate job approval authority for wildlife habitat and forest management is required to develop the management plans for wildlife habitat and forest diversity and health. During the planning process, specialists will provide input on whether a site is or is not fire tolerant and the applicability of prescribed burning.

An [NE-CPA-14](#) Wildlife Development/Management Plan and a detailed plan map may be used to document items including:

- The number, classification, and location of the expected snags per acre.
- Any unique management scenarios needed to meet the habitat requirements of the target wildlife species.

Primary nesting and fawning season is May 1 through July 15.

An NE-CPA-72 Prescribed Burn Management Plan and a detailed plan map may be used (where applicable) to develop the necessary prescribed burning plan on fire tolerant sites.

Required elements of a forest management plan should be well documented in detail with appropriate job sheets to document trees and shrubs to be established and forest stand improvement methods to be applied.

Documentation Requirements (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)

Identify landowner’s wildlife management objectives: _____

Identify targeted wildlife species (circle group or species noted above or note other species): _____

1. Document on the NE-CPA-14 or other format the number and classification of snags per acre.
2. A detailed plan map showing areas labeled with specific treatments (released, prescribed burn, etc.).
3. A copy of the associated plans for wildlife habitat, forest management, and prescribed burn (as needed).
4. Representative photos of sites before and after treatment (release, burn, etc.)

I certify that the enhancement criteria have been met and the required documentation provided to NRCS.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____