



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 and methods to increase diversity.
- 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.

Treatments involving tree removal should not occur during the primary nesting period for migratory birds (April 1 to July 15) with consideration for early or late nesting species (i.e. raptors).

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)

Additional State Documentation Requirements

Identify landowner’s wildlife management objectives: _____

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



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NE-ANM36 2015 Ranking Period 1

Complete the Table below:

To be completed by NRCS and Producer during planning			To be completed by Producer during certification			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tract	Field	Acres Planned	Acres Applied	Average Number of Snags per Acre	Management Activities Applied	Date Completed
<i>EX. T1001</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>2 Snags - >10"DBH 1 Snag - >15"DBH</i>	<i>Created snags by girdling and applying herbicide</i>	<i>3/15/2015</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-3 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 4-7 PRODUCER COMPLETES

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

1. A wildlife habitat management plan that includes unique management for target wildlife species.
2. Map showing where treatments applied for release/burning (highlighted, outlined, etc.).
3. A copy of the forest management plan or similar document that identifies tree release components.
4. A prescribed burning plan with documentation of applied conditions for the burn (if applicable).
5. Documentation of the average number of snags per acre. – (COMPLETE TABLE ABOVE)
6. Representative digital images of the area showing before and after photos of the area that was treated.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____