



Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM50 – Control of undesirable woody vegetation in moist soil wetlands for wildlife

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)

Assistance from a qualified wildlife biologist or NRCS staff with adequate job approval authority for wildlife habitat is required to develop the management plans for wildlife habitat.

An [NE-CPA-14](#) Wildlife Development/Management Plan and a detailed plan map may be used to document items including the target wildlife species (specifically, those dependent upon herbaceous wetland habitats).

- The plan must clearly identify the type of wetland being treated and the undesirable species of woody vegetation to be removed, as well as techniques for removal that do not degrade the habitat integrity.
 - For example, the target wetland may be a Sandhills wet meadow and the undesirable woody species may be Eastern red cedar. In this example, areas which contain cottonwood or false indigo that are within the natural range of density and distribution should not be targeted for control.

Additional Criteria for Nebraska

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

- Waterfowl – including species such as mallard, blue-winged teal, Northern pintail, canvasback, etc.
- Shorebirds and Water Birds – including species such as buff-breasted and other sandpiper species, black-crowned night heron, king rail, American avocet, black-necked stilt, etc.

It may be necessary to use the expedited minimal effect agreement for invasive tree removal in wetlands or a similar minimal effect agreement supported by a wetland functional assessment, when stump removal is planned. This will ensure compliance with wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act.

Treatments involving tree/shrub 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).

Documentation Requirements (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)

Additional State Documentation Requirements

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
Tract	Field	Acres Planned	Acres Applied	Management Activities Applied	Date Completed
<i>EX. T1001</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>Cut and pile Eastern red cedar in meadow</i>	<i>3/15/2015</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-3 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 4-6 PRODUCER COMPLETES



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

1. A copy of the wildlife habitat management plan or similar document that identifies required elements.
2. Map showing where treatments were applied (highlighted, outlined, etc.).
3. Documentation of completed management activity, as required. – (COMPLETE TABLE ABOVE)
4. Representative digital images of the area showing before and after photos of the area that was treated.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____