



Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM55 – Creation and retention of snags, den trees and coarse woody debris for wildlife habitat

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)

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.

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 snags and woody debris).

- The number, classification, and location of the expected snags per acre including methods to create snags, as required, as well as management of snags and den trees to benefit the target wildlife species.
- The number and location of root wads or downed log structures including any unique configuration or management scenarios needed to meet the habitat requirements of the target wildlife species.

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:

- Cavity Nesting Bird/Mammal Species – including at-risk species such as Lewis’s woodpecker, pileated woodpecker, and pygmy nuthatch, as well as Eastern gray squirrel and Southern flying squirrel.
- Wildlife Dependent on Woody Debris – including species of national importance such as Northern bobwhite quail and American woodcock as well as at-risk species such as Eastern Bailey’s wood rat, timber rattlesnake, and long-tailed weasel.

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).

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>Creation of snags by girdling invasive trees Develop root wad/downed log structures</i>	<i>3/15/2015 11/30/2015</i>

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



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

NE-ANM55 2015 Ranking Period 1

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 including (highlighted, outlined, etc.).
3. Documentation of completed management activity, as required. – (COMPLETE TABLE ABOVE)
4. Representative digital images of the area showing photos of the structures that were created.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____