



**Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM56 – Increase summer roost for forest dwelling bat species**

**State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)**

A copy of a forest management plan that contains a management objective and outlines specific management actions pertaining to this enhancement must be provided to NRCS to support this enhancement. The plan must include a plan map which delineates areas to be treated. Consultation with a Nebraska Forest Service forester or NRCS staff with adequate job approval authority in Forest Stand Improvement is recommended to develop or review the forest management plan.

Implementation of this enhancement should involve the NRCS State Wildlife Biologist to ensure that necessary coordination with appropriate U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff occurs.

**Additional Criteria for Nebraska**

An ideal example of a live tree species in Nebraska with loose or exfoliating bark is Eastern cottonwood. Other species that may often provide suitable habitat are large, mature specimens of the following tree species: ponderosa pine, bur oak, silver maple, honeylocust, shagbark hickory, and box elder. Other species commonly support large limbs that are dead (with loose/exfoliating bark) and located within the canopy of the live tree such as Siberian elm, Northern catalpa, etc. Other species may be used if they supply the necessary characteristics.

Individual trees exhibit different characteristics based on species, size, health and other factors and should be evaluated for the purpose of creating a snag or maintaining as a live roost tree with adjacent trees to be removed.

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). These dates may also need to be adjusted to avoid negative impacts to the targeted bat species.

**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	7
Tract	Field	Acres Planned	Acres Applied	Number of Snags or Roost Trees	Management Activities Applied	Date Completed
<i>EX. T1001</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>2 Snags - &gt;15" DBH 1 Live Roost Tree</i>	<i>Created snags by girdling Cleared trees near roost</i>	<i>3/15/2015 3/25/2015</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-3 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 4-7 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 forest management plan or similar document that identifies required elements.
2. Map showing where snags or live roost trees were created/managed (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 snags/roost trees.

**Certified by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_