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CSP Job Sheet H-4

HABITAT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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NEBRASKA

Name: _____

Modified burn prescription to create a mosaic and improve plant diversity

Payment = \$1.00 / acre / year for all acres within the pasture(s) where a mosaic burning pattern has been carried out – not just the actual burned acres. Payment is made each year of the contract – not just during the year the burn is conducted.

The intent of this enhancement is to provide a diversity of treatments resulting in a diversity of habitat conditions in close proximity to each other on the landscape which will benefit grassland birds, pollinator insects, and other wildlife species. Many grassland birds seek out “micro-habitats” (with specific vegetation height, density, and species composition) within the larger grassland landscape. The diversity created by a mosaic burn event will provide suitable habitat to a broader array of bird species and other wildlife.

Required Elements:

- Between 25% and 75% of the pasture(s) must receive prescribed burning in a mosaic or “patchwork” pattern.
- The burn must be conducted during the dormant season (prior to March 1) in order to increase forb composition.
- A minimum of one burn treatment is needed during the contract period.

