



United States Department of Agriculture  
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# CSP Job Sheet H-8

## HABITAT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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### LOWER BIG BLUE AND LOWER LITTLE BLUE WATERSHEDS IN NEBRASKA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Increase habitat for cavity-nesting birds by creating and maintaining snags

Payment = \$10.00 / acre / year for creating snags by girdling live trees within a woodland. At least three snags will be created per acre. Payment is made for the year snags are created and subsequent years where all snags are maintained. A maximum of ten acres is allowed.

The intent of this enhancement is to provide snags (standing dead trees) which are used by cavity-nesting birds (woodpeckers and bluebirds) for nesting, and in some cases feeding sites.

This enhancement requires that new snags be created within a woodland habitat that is a minimum of one acre and 100 feet wide or greater. There must be a minimum of three snags created per acre of woodland and each snag must be at least 6 feet tall and 6 inches in diameter at 'breast height' (4.5 feet above the ground) and one of those three needs to be a minimum of 10 inches in diameter. It is preferred that less desirable tree species such as Siberian elm and honey locust be selected for snags rather than species such as bur oak, black walnut, etc. The snag is created by cutting through the cambium layer located just inside the bark around the entire circumference of the tree (to a depth of approximately one to two inches depending upon tree size).

**Documentation Required:** Use the following table for documentation and attach a plan map showing the location of the created snags. An example is provided.

Tract & Field #s	Number of Acres with at least 3 Snags Created/Ac	Total Number of Snags Created
T 486 - 3,4	5	15

*Example*

