



NEBRASKA

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Job Approval Authority for Prescribed Burning**

NE-ECS-70

January, 2015

<b>EMPLOYEE NAME</b>	
<b>JOB TITLE</b>	
<b>LOCATION</b>	
<b>JAA EXPIRATION DATE</b>	

<b>Job Class</b>	<b>Job Class Description</b>	<b>Certification Level (X)</b>
	See page 2 for Certification Requirements	
<b>Ia</b>	Conservation Planning. Allows for Prescribed Burning (338) and Burned Firebreak (394) to be scheduled in a conservation plan or contract.	
<b>Ib</b>	Size of area: < 640 acres Vegetation: <u>Non-volatile herbaceous</u> Terrain: 5% slope or less	
<b>II</b>	Size of Area: < 100 acres Vegetation: <u>Non-volatile herbaceous</u> species plus <u>volatile herbaceous</u> species and live <u>volatile woody</u> species < 4 ' tall. Terrain: 15% slopes or less	
<b>III</b>	Size of Area: < 640 acres. Vegetation: <u>Non-volatile and volatile herbaceous</u> plant species, plus live <u>volatile woody</u> species > 4' tall and dead volatile woody species. Terrain: 15% slope or less	
<b>IV</b>	Size of Area: <1000 Acres Vegetation: no restrictions. Terrain: no restrictions	

*This individual has met all the requirements for an NRCS Prescribed Burn Planner. Certification as a planner coincides with the expiration date of the Prescribed Burn Job Approval Authority.*

<b>CONCURRENCE</b>		
	Supervisor Signature	Date
<b>ISSUED BY</b>		
	SRC Designee (State Range Management Specialist)	Date

## Prescribed Burning Job Classifications

*Contiguous areas to be burned on a single management unit during the same growing season are considered one prescribed burn regardless of the number of individual segments or firing sequences the burn may be divided into. The total acres for any prescribed burn cannot exceed the size of area limitations for the appropriate job classification.*

*For Class 1b JAA and above, an employee must have previously met the qualifications for Class 1a JAA. Employees with class 1a JAA may write burn plans, which must be reviewed and approved by a certified planner at or above the level of the plan.*

Class	REQUIREMENTS
1a - Conservation Planning	Initial Certification: Individuals must have completed the NRCS Introductory Prescribed Burn training or complete or the Nebraska computer module, test, and 8 hours of approved additional training. Additional training may be conducted by NRCS, PF, UN-L, NG&P, Prescribed Burn Task Force, or other qualified partner. Recertification: Individuals must have completed 16 hours of continuing education or 8 hours of training and the Nebraska computer module.
1b - Maintenance Burn	Individuals must have Class 1a authority, properly planned at least three Class 1b burns, participated in formal prescribed burn trainings which have been approved by the State Resource Conservationist and which include planning and participating in prescribed burns that are approved under current NRCS Nebraska state policy and have demonstrated good judgement, knowledge, and skills for Class 1b burns.
II - Maintenance Burn	Individuals must have Class 1b authority, properly planned at least three Class II burns, participated in formal prescribed burn trainings which have been approved by the State Resource Conservationist and which include planning and participating in prescribed burns that are approved under current NRCS Nebraska state policy and have demonstrated good judgement, knowledge, and skills for Class II burns.
III - Maintenance Burn	Individuals must have Class II authority, properly planned at least three Class III burns, participated in formal prescribed burn trainings which have been approved by the State Resource Conservationist and which include planning and participating in prescribed burns that are approved under current NRCS Nebraska state policy and have demonstrated good judgement, knowledge, and skills for Class III burns.
IV - Maintenance Burn	Individuals must have Class III authority, properly planned at least three class IV burns, participated in formal prescribed burn trainings which have been approved by the State Resource Conservationist and which include planning and participating in prescribed burns that are approved under current NRCS Nebraska state policy and have demonstrated good judgement, knowledge, and skills for Class IV burns.