

Instructions

Prescribed Burning Experience

NE-ECS-71

Instructions for use of NE-ECS-71

Read and follow the **Nebraska's Policy for Participation in the Planning and Application of Prescribed Burns** available at

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/NE/NE_Appendix_A_Prescribed_Burn_Policy.pdf

Certification expires after five years unless the employee submits an updated NE-ECS-70 documenting active participation in planning and/or participating in prescribed burns within the five years time period.

The State Resource Conservationist Designee will evaluate the experience and update the Job Approval Authority for the appropriate Job Class. Authority levels are progressive in nature, allowing employees to plan more complex burns only when qualified to do so.

Send completed NE-ECS-71 in PDF format to doug.whisenhunt@ne.usda.gov

The DATE on the form shall be the date submitted to the SRC designee.

Certification and Authority

NRCS employees desiring prescribed burning certification should make a request through their supervisor to the State Resource Conservationist Designee (i.e. State Prescribed Burn Specialist). Each employee is responsible for certifying and requesting the training needed to maintain or upgrade their certification.

Employees shall provide written documentation of burning experience and training to the State Resource Conservationist Designee (i.e. State Prescribed Burn Specialist) who will issue a determination of Job Approval Authority. The documentation will be completed using Prescribed Burning Experience (NE-ECS-71). The State Resource Conservationist Designee (i.e. State Prescribed Burn Specialist) will evaluate experience, certify training, recommend additional training as needed and issue job approval authority for employees involved in the planning and application of prescribed burns. Direct supervisors will concur in and sign job approval authority forms.

The minimum level of prescribed burn job approval authority for Nebraska NRCS field employees is Class I a. This authority affords the opportunity for the conservationist to discuss, recommend, and schedule prescribed burning in conservation plans and program contracts. This Job Approval Authority is valid for a period of five years.

Support References

Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Prescribed Burning, 338
<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/NE/NE338.pdf>

Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Design Procedures Prescribed Burning, 338DP
<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/NE/NE338DP.pdf>

[Prescribed Burn Management Plan Jobsheet \(NE-ECS-72\)](#)

[Prescribed Grazing Standard \(528\)](#)

[Firebreak Standard \(394\)](#)

[Upland Wildlife Habitat Management Standard \(645\)](#)

[Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management Standard \(644\)](#)

[Early Successional Habitat Development/Management Standard \(647\)](#)

[Pest Management Standard \(595\)](#)

[Forest Stand Improvement Standard \(666\)](#)

[Brush Management Standard \(314\)](#)

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Integrated Management of Eastern Redcedar on Grasslands, Ortmann, J., et al. 2007. US. Fire Learning Network, March.

Conducting a Prescribed Burn on Warm-season Grass CRP Sites, Anderson and Stubbendieck, 2006. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, G1649, October.

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Patch Burn Grazing, IS-MO528A, Conservation Practice Information Sheet, NRCS, Missouri, July, 2004

Smoke Management, Private Forest Management Team, Auburn University, Alabama

Prescribed Burning (338), Conservation Practice Standard, NRCS, Oklahoma, May, 2004.

Nebraska NRCS Policy for Participation in the Planning and Application of Prescribed Burns

Smoke Management Plan for Nebraska NRCS Prescribed Burns

Nebraska State Statute 82-521

Fire Effects Information, USDA, Forest Service

National Range and Pasture Handbook, Appendix A, NRCS, rev 2003

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