

STATEMENT OF WORK

Early Successional Habitat Development



Owner: _____ Business I.D.: _____ County: _____ Date: _____
Operator: _____ Tract No. _____ Field No(s). _____
Contract No./Revision No. : _____ Contract Item No.: _____ Field Office: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Background Conservation Plan/Casefile Information is documentation that is gathered or prepared by the conservation planner during the first 7 steps of the conservation planning process (refer to the NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH) for details). This information should be included in the client's casefile. While information within a client's casefile is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the client may sign a waiver which would allow access of this material to a Technical Service Provider or other interested party as designated by the client.

Practice Design, Installation and Checkout Requirements are documentation deliverables that apply to the individual practice. Design, Installation and Checkout are categories of technical assistance which can be completed and submitted separately for certification.

Use of this Form: This form will be used as a checklist for verification of practice design, installation and checkout deliverables. Checked items are required to be documented.

Documentation submittal: Submit this form along with completed documentation deliverables as indicated for each category of technical assistance to NRCS. All documentation must be provided before work can be submitted for payment.

References: Nebraska NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) (http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=NE), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard 647, Early Successional Habitat Development, and Herbaceous Vegetation Design Procedures (550DP) for requirements on establishment and selection of herbaceous vegetation; NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH, Amend NE4); NRCS National Biology Manual; NRCS National Biology Handbook; NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook; NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook.

CONSERVATION PLAN/CASEFILE INFORMATION NEEDED:

- Client's objectives (assistance notes)
- Resource inventory (NE-CPA-52 or equivalent)
- Conservation plan for the treatment unit (NE-CPA-68 or equivalent)
- Location (Map or photo including legal description)
- Soil Survey Information
- Purpose of the practice (List all that apply/design must account for these purpose(s)): _____
- Early Successional Habitat Development general practice requirements, including records to be kept, jobsheets to be utilized, etc.

Check the box(s) to indicate supporting practices needed to facilitate Early Successional Habitat Development (refer to the conservation plan for the more information):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 314 Brush Management | <input type="checkbox"/> 338 Prescribed Burning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Cover Crop | <input type="checkbox"/> 382 Fence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 472 Access Control | <input type="checkbox"/> 528 Prescribed Grazing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 595 Integrated Pest Management | <input type="checkbox"/> 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 648 Wildlife Watering Facility | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify by practice code) _____ | |

DESIGN DELIVERABLES: (Provide copies/verification/documentation for each deliverable to NRCS)

(Refer to FOTG Sec. IV, 647 and 550 DP Design Procedures, NPPH NE supplements for job sheets)

The Development/Management plan will include:

- Plant community description: existing/planned
- Description and/or map of the area to be developed or managed that identify each Early Successional Habitat Development area.
- Target wildlife species (should reflect the client's objectives)
- Wildlife Habitat Evaluation NE-CPA- 32-36, 43 : existing/planned
- The vegetative manipulation to be applied: One or more

Burning	Brush Management	Disking (S-647a)	Grazing
Mowing	Hydrology manipulation	Low-Density Seeding (S-647b)	Herbicides

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- Application details, i.e. dates and specific requirements needed to accomplish the desired manipulation
- NE-CPA-8 if seeding is required
- Maps that identify each Early Successional Habitat Development/Management area.
- All activities are conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). All Special Environmental Concerns listed on NE-CPA-52 will be evaluated during all phases of work. **If environmental concerns arise during design, installation or checkout, NRCS must be contacted for consultation prior to proceeding.** If concerns are found, NRCS will certify NEPA compliance by signature on NE-CPA-52, prior to commencing design or installation of the practice.
- Erosion prediction results.
- Narrative statements verifying that other Considerations from NE NRCS FOTG 647 Standard have been addressed: (attach additional sheets, as needed): _____
- Operation and Maintenance requirements described in the NE NRCS FOTG 647 Standard are provided to the client (copy to NRCS).
- Specifications, to include: location; extent; soils information; seedbed preparation; nutrient needs based on a soil test, if possible; seeding method and seed placement depth; species; seed inoculant's, if applicable; seeding rates and dates; certification.
- Verification of client review/concurrence with the design (date reviewed): _____
- Verification that applicable permits are obtained (prior to installation) and applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations are adhered to, including setbacks, utilities, safety and zoning regulations.

INSTALLATION DELIVERABLES: (Provide copies/verification/documentation for each deliverable to NRCS, including job sheets referenced under the Design Deliverables or equivalent documentation)

- Operation and Maintenance requirements reviewed with the client (date reviewed): _____
- Review Early Successional Habitat Development with the client or contractor (date reviewed): _____
- Record any relevant correspondence with the client or contractor.
- Field boundaries staked for each Early Successional Habitat Development treatment.
- Modifications to the design during installation of Early Successional Habitat Development plan (include basis).
- Oversight of the practice installation/application (record pertinent notes).
- Advise the client and NRCS of any environmental compliance, resource or regulatory issues that arise during installation and discontinue installation until resolved. All activities are conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). All Special Environmental Concerns listed on NE-CPA-52 will be evaluated during all phases of work. **If environmental concerns arise during design, installation or checkout, NRCS must be contacted for consultation prior to proceeding.** If concerns are found, NRCS will certify NEPA compliance by signature on NE-CPA-52, prior to commencing design or installation of the practice.
- Verification that installation of early successional habitat development/management plan meets design and other requirements.

COMMENTS: Use this space for installation notes or explanation of unchecked items (attach additional pages as needed):

CHECK OUT DELIVERABLES (Provide copies/verification/documentation for each deliverable to NRCS)

- Provide records that Early Successional Habitat Development plan was installed according to specifications including completed job sheets & required recordkeeping.
- Progress reporting completed in Performance Results System (PRS):
Amount applied: _____ Date: _____ Reported by Whom: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I have completed a review of the technical assistance documentation submitted for this practice and certify that NRCS Standards and Specifications are met and all applicable laws and regulations are complied with.

Design Installation Checkout (Check each category of documentation submitted with this certification)

Certified by: /s/ _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Representing: _____