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This notice transmits updates to Section IV – Practices Standards and Specifications in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

Brush Management (314) — Substantial changes have been made to this practice standard. Prescribed Burning is removed as a brush management treatment. Only chemical, mechanical and biological treatments are included. Prescribed burning for brush management purposes is covered in the Prescribed Burning (Code 338) standard. In the Purpose Section, wildfire hazard reduction has changed to be more comprehensive. In the Criteria Section, use of Ecological Site Descriptions has been added as a requirement. Further, the Criteria Section was enhanced to specifically address wildlife concerns. The Plans and Specifications Section has been expanded to include requirements for monitoring. Associated with the update of the standard is the release of a new Cover Crop Worksheet (NE-CPA-7).

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph May, State Rangeland Management Specialist at 402-437-4062, email joseph.may@ne.usda.gov.

Firebreak (394) — This standard was formally reviewed and updated to include public comments received through the *Federal Register* review process. The term “pollinator” was added to the planning consideration that discusses wildlife.

If you have any questions, please contact Doug Whisenhunt, State Prescribed Burn/Grazing Specialist, at 308-534-2360 or 308- 530-3934 (govt. cell), email doug.whisenhunt@ne.usda.gov.

Herbaceous Weed Control (315) — This is a new standard to provide for herbaceous weed control on lands not actively in crop production. Requirements are included for biological, chemical, and mechanical control. Associated with the update of the standard is the release of a new Cover Crop Worksheet (NE-CPA-7).

If you have any questions, please contact Renee Hancock, Water Quality Specialist, at 402-437-4064, e-mail: renee.hancock@ne.usda.gov; or contact Corey Brubaker, State Agronomist, at 402-437-4164, email: corey.brubaker@ne.usda.gov.

Prescribed Grazing (528) — This standard was formally reviewed and updated to include public comments received through the *Federal Register* review process. **DEFINITION:** Managing the harvest of vegetation with grazing and/or browsing animals. This practice may be applied as a part of conservation management system.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph May, State Rangeland Management Specialist at 402-437-4062, email joseph.may@ne.usda.gov.

Note: The State Office will archive a hard copy of all materials and copies of electronic files of materials removed on the Nebraska eFOTG site under Section IV, Archive, Conservation Practices. If Field Offices wish to maintain an archived hard copy, of the above referenced standards as a reference, they may do so.

If you have any filing or generic questions, please contact Jamie Petersen at (402) 437-4063 or by e-mail at jamie.petersen@ne.usda.gov.



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