
Farm Bill Participant

Contract Number

Purpose: This practice may be applied to control or remove invasive and noxious weeds through chemical, biological, or mechanical means in order to restore native or desired plant communities and habitat for LPC consistent with the ecological site description. It secondarily protects soils, controls erosion, reduces fine-fuels fire hazards, and improves air quality.

I. NRCS will:

- Assist producers with the control of herbaceous weeds consistent with NRCS Conservation Practice Standards and Specification: Herbaceous Weed Control Code 315.
- Develop a strategy to control herbaceous weeds that will support other practices in creating the desired habitat conditions of the lesser prairie-chicken and that meets the Conservation Measures outlined in the Lesser Prairie-Chicken (LPC) Initiative Biological Opinion providing ESA predictability.
 - Timing of treatment^a (check one);
 - no restriction
 - prohibited March 1st – July 15th.
 - Use spot treatment where practicable
 - Use site specific reclamation strategies developed using ecological site descriptions with timing of planting and post-establishment management as per local site conditions
 - Designate treatment locations on plan map
- Provide a copy of the appropriate Specification, Plan and plan map for guidance on implementation and extent of treatment.
- Identify and plan other supporting conservation practices (Critical Area Planting) as needed and in accordance with Conference Opinion.
- Certify practice meets standards and implementation specifications.^b

II. Participant will:

- Implement Herbaceous Weed Control within the time constraints identified above and specified in the Plan.
- Ensure that machinery associated with the practice is clean and free of vegetative debris prior to use to prevent the spread of invasive plant species.
- Operate machinery in a manner that allows wildlife to flush and escape by starting in the middle of the field and working outward or by attaching a flushing bar to equipment.
- Implement Herbaceous Weed Control in accordance with plan and specifications provided by NRCS.
- Notify NRCS upon completion of practice.
- Regularly monitor and control State-listed noxious and invasive plants.

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*a should a lek be discovered within ½ mile of project area, implementation shall not occur from March 1st – July 15th.
b any payment will only be processed upon practice certification by NRCS personnel.*

I understand the requirements of the practice, and my questions concerning the practice have been answered. I further understand that a failure to adhere to the above requirements may jeopardize any and all payments and ESA predictabilities provided by the LPCI Biological Opinion.

Participant Signature

Date