
Farm Bill Participant

Contract Number

Purpose: Create the desired plant community phase consistent with the ecological site description that is preferable LPC habitat. Control undesirable vegetation or to manipulate desired vegetation. Prepare sites for planting or seeding. Reduce wildfire hazards. Improve wildlife habitat specifically enhance and produce desirable or needed plant communities for all phases of LPC life cycle. Improve forage production quantity and/or quality. Facilitate distribution of grazing to target the maintenance or creation of desired LPC habitat. Restore and/or maintain ecological sites.

I. NRCS will:

- Assist producers with planning a prescribed burn consistent with NRCS Conservation Practice Standards and Specification: Prescribed Burning Code 338.
- Develop a plan for prescribed burning 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 activities^a (check one);
 - no restriction
 - prohibited March 1st – July 15th.
- Provide a copy of the appropriate Job Sheet (a.k.a., Prescribed Burn Management Plan) and plan map for guidance on implementation.
- Certify practice meets standards and implementation specifications.^b

II. Participant will:

- Conduct prescribed burn within the time constraints identified above and specified in the Prescribed Burn Management Plan provided by NRCS.
- Conduct Prescribed Burn, including pre-burn notifications and preparations, in accordance with the Prescribed Burn Management Plan provided by NRCS.
- Notify NRCS upon completion of practice.

a should a lek be discovered within ½ mile of project area, burning 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