
Farm Bill Participant

Contract Number

Purpose: As per the Biological Opinion, this practice will only be applied where needed to meet the daily water requirements of livestock and to facilitate prescribed livestock grazing distribution.

I. NRCS will:

- Assist producers with design for the construction of a pond consistent with NRCS Conservation Practice Standards and Specification: Pond Code 378.
- Prepare a pond design 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 site specific reclamation strategies developed using ecological site descriptions with timing of planting and post-establishment management as per local site conditions.
- Provide a copy of the Pond design on the appropriate Job Sheet and plan map for guidance on construction.
- Identify and plan other supporting conservation practices (Critical Area Planting, etc.) as needed and in accordance with Biological Opinion.
- Certify practice meets standards and implementation specifications.^b

II. Participant will:

- Construct the Pond within the time constraints identified above and specified in the Conservation Plan provided by NRCS.
- 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.
- Construct Pond in accordance with Job Sheet design and specifications provided by NRCS.
- Notify NRCS upon completion of practice.
- Regularly monitor and control State-listed noxious and invasive plants after construction.
- Provide required maintenance to ensure the function of the practice as designed.

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