
Farm Bill Participant

Contract Number

Purpose: To improve access to forage for livestock and wildlife

I. NRCS will:

- Assist producers with a strategy to treat woody residue consistent with NRCS Conservation Practice Standards and Specification: Woody Residue Treatment Code 384.
- Prepare a strategy to treat woody residue 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
 - Evaluate the site's potential for soil erosion and invasion of undesirable species
 - Design to minimize or avoid the loss of desirable shrubs
 - 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 appropriate Job Sheet and plan map for guidance on implementation.
- Identify and plan other supporting conservation practices (Prescribed Burning) as needed and in accordance with the LPCI Biological Opinion.
- Certify practice meets standards and implementation specifications.^b

II. Participant will:

- Implement Woody Residue Treatment within the time constraints identified above and specified in the Job Sheet provided by NRCS.
- Limit duration of treatment period to the minimum time practicable.
- Minimize soil and vegetation disturbances and avoid disturbing soil in areas with a high potential for soil erosion.
- Ensure that machinery associated with treatment is clean and free of vegetative debris prior to use to prevent the spread of invasive plant species.
- Minimize or avoid unintentional damage to shrubs.
- Implement Woody Residue Treatment in accordance with Job Sheet strategy and specifications provided by NRCS.
- Notify NRCS upon completion of practice.
- Regularly monitor and control State-listed noxious and invasive plants.
- Regularly monitor site after implementation to ensure erosion and invasive weed issues are addressed quickly.

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- Limit access to site for operation and maintenance to one vehicle width and to one side of facility.
- Provide required maintenance to ensure the function of the practice as designed.

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