
Farm Bill Participant

Contract Number

Purpose: Reduce the spread of wildfire and contain prescribed burns to their targeted area.

I. NRCS will:

- Assist producers with a design for the construction of a firebreak consistent with NRCS Conservation Practice Standards and Specification: Firebreak Code 394.
- Prepare a firebreak 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
 - In conjunction with a grazing management or wildlife habitat plan
 - Identify grasses, forbs and legumes for planting in vegetated firebreaks that are capable of providing brood rearing habitat for lesser-prairie chickens.
- Provide a copy of the firebreak design on the appropriate Job Sheet and plan map for guidance on construction.
- Certify practice meets standards and implementation specifications.^b

II. Participant will:

- Construct firebreaks within the time constraints identified above and specified in the Job Sheet provided by NRCS.
- 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.
- Construct firebreaks in accordance with Job Sheet design and specifications provided by NRCS.
- Either allow for vegetation to re-establish or plant according to Job Sheet specifications on vegetated firebreak.
- Notify NRCS upon completion of practice.
- Regularly monitor and control State-listed noxious and invasive plants.

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