

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS
UPLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT
(ac.)
CODE 645**

REQUIRED FORMS

- SD-CPA-19, Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Guide (WHAG), Existing (Benchmark) and Planned Rating
- SD-CPA-58, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, required when management occurs outside the time period outlined in Section IV of Biology Technical Note No. 15

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS

- SD-CPA-57, Visual Obstruction Reading for Herbaceous Wildlife Habitat
- SD-CPA-26 and map with habitat elements

PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

- Provide at least the minimum habitat requirements to attain a Quality Criteria Rating (SD-CPA-19, WHAG) of at least 0.5 for the habitat element(s).
- Conservation plan map produced through Customer Service Toolkit identifying locations of habitats.
- Conservation plan document from Customer Service Toolkit which documents how habitat will be implemented, improved, maintained, and/or managed including reference to any facilitating practices.
- For herbaceous cover establishment follow the requirements of the selected conservation practice (550, 643, and 327).
- For Tree/Shrub establishment follow the requirements of the selected conservation practice (612, 422, 380, and 650).
- For clump planting requirements refer to SD Fact Sheet 61, Shrub Clump Wildlife Plantings.
- For food plot requirements refer to SD Fact Sheet 59, Wildlife Food Plots.

PERFORMANCE

- Examine planting or seeding at least once annually until established to evaluate weed control, defoliation, planned Quality Criteria Ratings are met, and other needs.