

**STATEMENT OF WORK**  
**Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)**  
**Texas**

**These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.**

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## **DESIGN**

### **Deliverables:**

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
  - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
  - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
  - c. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
    - i. Determination of appropriate method, intensity and timing to prepare the site for planting, seeding or natural regeneration
    - ii. Mitigation of erosion, runoff, soil compaction and soil displacement to acceptable levels
    - iii. Determine if undesirable tree species need to be treated chemically and take care to protect any species that are desirable
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance.
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Design modifications during installation as required.

Note: When using mechanical treatment and burning to prepare the site, refer to the conservation practice standards for Prescribed Burning (338) and Firebreak (394). If chemical treatment is needed, refer to the standard for Forest Stand Improvement (666). Job Sheet 490 is available to assist in documenting the design and details.

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## **INSTALLATION**

### **Deliverables:**

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Application guidance as needed.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the application process and materials meet design and permit requirements.

Note: When prescribed burning is needed, a burn plan must be prepared. Job Sheet 338 is available for the burning plan and Job Sheet 490 is available to detail the site preparation activities.

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## **CHECK OUT**

### **Deliverables:**

1. Records of application.
  - a. Type of site preparation used
  - b. Report extent applied in acres
  - c. Species treated with herbicide and the method used
  - d. Protection for desirable woody plants
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Progress reporting.

Note: Job Sheet 490 is available to record and document the site preparation activities completed on the site.

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**REFERENCES**

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- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Tree/Shrub Site Preparation, 490
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook