

Forest Enhancement Bundle –BPI02 (Improves conifer forest health through prescribed burning and forest stand management)



Enhancement Description

This bundle of enhancement activities includes: PLT21- Forest stand improvement pre-treating vegetation and fuels preceding a prescribed fire, or PLT28-Prescribed burning to promote and enhance conifer forests and maintain a healthy understory, or PLT31-Forest stand improvement, prescribed burning-short return interval; and four of the following five enhancements: ANM27- Wildlife friendly fencing, ANM55- Creation and retention of snags, den trees and coarse woody debris for wildlife habitat , PLT15- Establish pollinator and/or beneficial insect habitat, PLT27- Create small openings in pine stands to improve wildlife habitat or to prepare the area for

natural regeneration, and WQL28- Prescribed burning to promote and enhance conifer forests and maintain a healthy understory.

Land Use Applicability

Conifer Forest; Conifer-dominated Mixed Forest

Benefits

This bundle of enhancements is focused on activities that will improve forest health through prescribed burning and forest stand management. These actions will also benefit wildlife, soil quality, and the forest understory. Implementing the activities together will create a synergy that is expected to provide more conservation benefits than would be expected from the individual activities. Applicants that choose to implement this bundle of activities will receive an increase in ranking and activity points.

Conditions Where Enhancement Applies

This enhancement applies to all conifer and conifer-dominated forest land use acres.

Criteria

Bundle rules

1. All of the activities in the bundle must be implemented. However, if an applicant is already implementing 1 or 2 of the activities, they are still eligible for the bundle and only need to implement the remaining 3 or 4 activities.
2. Applicants will be required to install all enhancements in the bundle wherever they are needed on the applied area.
3. Other enhancements cannot be substituted for those in the bundles.
4. Applicants choose the acres of their operation where they want to implement the bundle. If the applicant chooses to implement the activity on only a portion of their operation, their



ranking and performance points will be reduced proportionally.

- 5. The amount of the bundle that can be scheduled cannot exceed the most limiting individual “system” enhancement scheduled.

Follow the criteria in the respective enhancement activity sheets to implement each enhancement.

For this bundle implement either PLT21, or PLT28, or PLT31 depending on site conditions, and four of the following five enhancements, ANM27, ANM55, PLT15, PLT27and WQL28, according to their respective criteria on all of the area selected for bundle application.

Adoption Requirements

This enhancement is considered adopted when rules # 1 and 2 from “Rules for Enhancement Activity Bundles” above have been fulfilled.

Documentation Requirements

Follow the documentation requirements in the respective enhancement activity sheets to document the implementation of each enhancement in the bundle.

In addition, document the actual amount, fields and when each enhancement in the bundle is implemented:

Enhancement Activity	Amount (unit)	Field(s) Number or Name	Year Applied
PLT21, or PLT28, or PLT31			
Choose 4 of the following 5:			
ANM27			
ANM55			
PLT15			
PLT27			
WQL28			



All enhancements will be implemented in accordance with the Conference Report for the Natural Resources Conservation Service - Sage-Grouse Initiative.

Operations & Maintenance, Conservation Measures, and Client Acknowledgement

Operation and Maintenance	
Operation:	
Maintenance:	
Conservation Measures	
Actions that must be implemented by the landowner/manager during enhancement implementation:	
Client's Acknowledgement Statement	
The Client acknowledges that:	
a. They have received a copy of the enhancement and understand the contents and requirements.	
b. It shall be the responsibility of the client to obtain all necessary permits and/or rights, and to comply with all ordinances and laws pertaining to the application of this enhancement.	
Planner:	Date:
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Client:	Date:
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