

Forest Enhancement Bundle –BPI03 (Improves forest health and wildlife habitat through forest stand management)



Enhancement Description

This bundle of enhancement activities includes ANM42- Forest stand improvement for wildlife habitat and soil quality; PLT26- Forest stand improvement to treat understory vegetation to minimize the risk of damaging wildfires, and/or manipulate the density and composition of tree species to improve wildlife habitat and forest health; SQL13- Forest stand improvement for soil health; PLT23- Conifer crop tree release or PLT24- Crop tree release in young hardwood stands; PLT15- Establish pollinator and/or beneficial insect habitat or PLT18- Increasing on-farm food production with edible woody buffer landscapes or PLT29- Rehabilitating damaged or cut over stands.

Land Use Applicability

Forest

Benefits

This bundle of enhancements is focused on activities that will improve forest health and productivity through stand management, while benefitting targeted wildlife species, improving soil quality, and reducing wildfire risk. 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 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.

- 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 ANM42, PLT26, SQL13, PLT23 or PLT24, and PLT15 or PLT 18 or PLT 29. Implement all activities 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
ANM42			
PLT26			
SQL13			
PLT23 or PLT24			
PLT15 or PLT18 or PLT29			



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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