

# BRUSH MANAGEMENT

## PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

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Brush management is removal, reduction, or manipulation of tree and shrub species.

### PRACTICE INFORMATION

This is a multipurpose practice that applies on rangeland, native or naturalized pasture, pasture, or haylands where tree and/or shrub species are competing with forage species.

The brush management practice is designed to achieve the optimum level of control of the target woody specie (s) and protection of the desired specie (s). This will be accomplished by mechanical, chemical, biological, prescribed burning or a combination of these techniques. The practice is also planned and applied to meet the habitat requirements of fish and wildlife.

To ensure an enduring desired response to brush management, the conservation plan will include the grazing management practice labeled *Prescribed Grazing*.

Brush Management is applied to accomplish one or more of the following:

1. Restore natural plant community balance.
2. Create the desired plant community.
3. Reduce competition for space, moisture and sunlight to favor the desired species.
4. Manage noxious woody plants
5. Restore vegetation to control erosion and sedimentation, improve water quality, and enhance stream flow.
6. Maintain or enhance wildlife habitat including threatened and endangered species.
7. Improve forage accessibility, quality, and quantity for domestic and wild animals.
8. Protect life and property from wildfire.
9. Improve visibility and access for handling livestock.

Additional information including specifications are on file in the local NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.