

STATEMENT OF WORK
Tree/Shrub Pruning (660)
Washington

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

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Design documents that will demonstrate that the criteria in the 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. List of facilitating practices
 - d. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop plans and specifications, including but not limited to:
 - i. Determination of number of woody plants to be treated to achieve intended purpose(s),
 - ii. Minimum and maximum amount of live branch and foliage material to be cut, by species or species group,
 - iii. Treatment method(s) and tools,
 - iv. Timing of activity to minimize the likelihood of disease and insect outbreaks, and to reduce treatment impacts on wildlife, soils, and desirable vegetation,
 - v. Mitigation measures (e.g., slash and debris disposal) to minimize wildfire hazard and attraction of pests, to maintain soil quality, and to minimize impacts on desirable vegetation and wildlife,
 - vi. Safety considerations.
2. Written plans and specifications, including sketches and drawings, shall be provided to the client. The plans and specifications shall adequately describe the requirements for obtaining any necessary permits, and for installing the practice.
3. Operation and maintenance plan.
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Design modifications made during installation, if any.

Note: Use approved Implementation Requirement worksheet/form, Specification Guide, technical notes and practice standard references as appropriate for developing practice specifications. Attach supporting inventory and assessment documentation (photos, practice maps, soils, soils interpretations, plot data, wildlife assessments,...) to the Practice Implementation Requirement worksheet/form and provide copies to client and NRCS for case file. If Implementation Requirement worksheet/form is properly followed and completed then Items 1-5, will be adequately covered. Incorporate compliance with all federal, state, local and/or tribal laws, regulations and permitting requirements within the practice design.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-treatment conference with client **where site specific specifications are reviewed.**
2. Verification that client has obtained any required permits.
3. Marking of the area and/or plants to be treated, according to plans and specifications, and including any pertinent notes or inventory information.
4. Guidance as needed on installing the treatment, including safety considerations.
5. Facilitate and implement any needed 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 treatment process and materials meet design and permit requirements.

Note: Document meetings. Document location of installation on maps, photos, video or drawings of treatment area. Document As-Built (Installation) notes, issues and modifications. Within these documents establish the effectiveness of treatment installation to achieving the purpose. If needed for adequate functionality of the practice through its practice life, update Operation and Maintenance plan and provide updated copy to the client and NRCS. Review Operation and Maintenance plan with the client.

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CHECK OUT

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1. Records of application.
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Mitigation measures used
 2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
- Note: *Completed & signed Practice Installation and Certification section of the Implementation Requirement worksheet/form and provide all As-Builts, maps, photos, videos drawings, installation notes, modification, documentation that O & M plan has been reviewed with the client and all other support documentation to the client and NRCS.*

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Tree/Shrub Pruning, 660
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook

Note:

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