

RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT OF RARE OR DECLINING HABITATS

PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

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Restoration and management of rare or declining habitats is the re-creation and conservation of rare or declining native vegetated communities and their associated wildlife species.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

This practice applies to any landscape which once supported or currently supports the habitat to be restored or managed.

The purposes of this practice are to:

- Restore land or aquatic habitats degraded by human activity
- Provide habitat for rare and declining wildlife species by restoring and conserving native plant communities
- Increase native plant community diversity
- Manage unique or declining native habitats

(Note: NRCS uses the term “wildlife” to include all animals, terrestrial and aquatic.)

COMMON ASSOCIATED PRACTICES

Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats is commonly used in a Conservation Management System with the following practices:

- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
- Brush Management (314)
- Conservation Cover (327)
- Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Prescribed Burning (338)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)

Refer to the practice standard in the local Field Office Technical Guide and associated Job Sheets for further information.

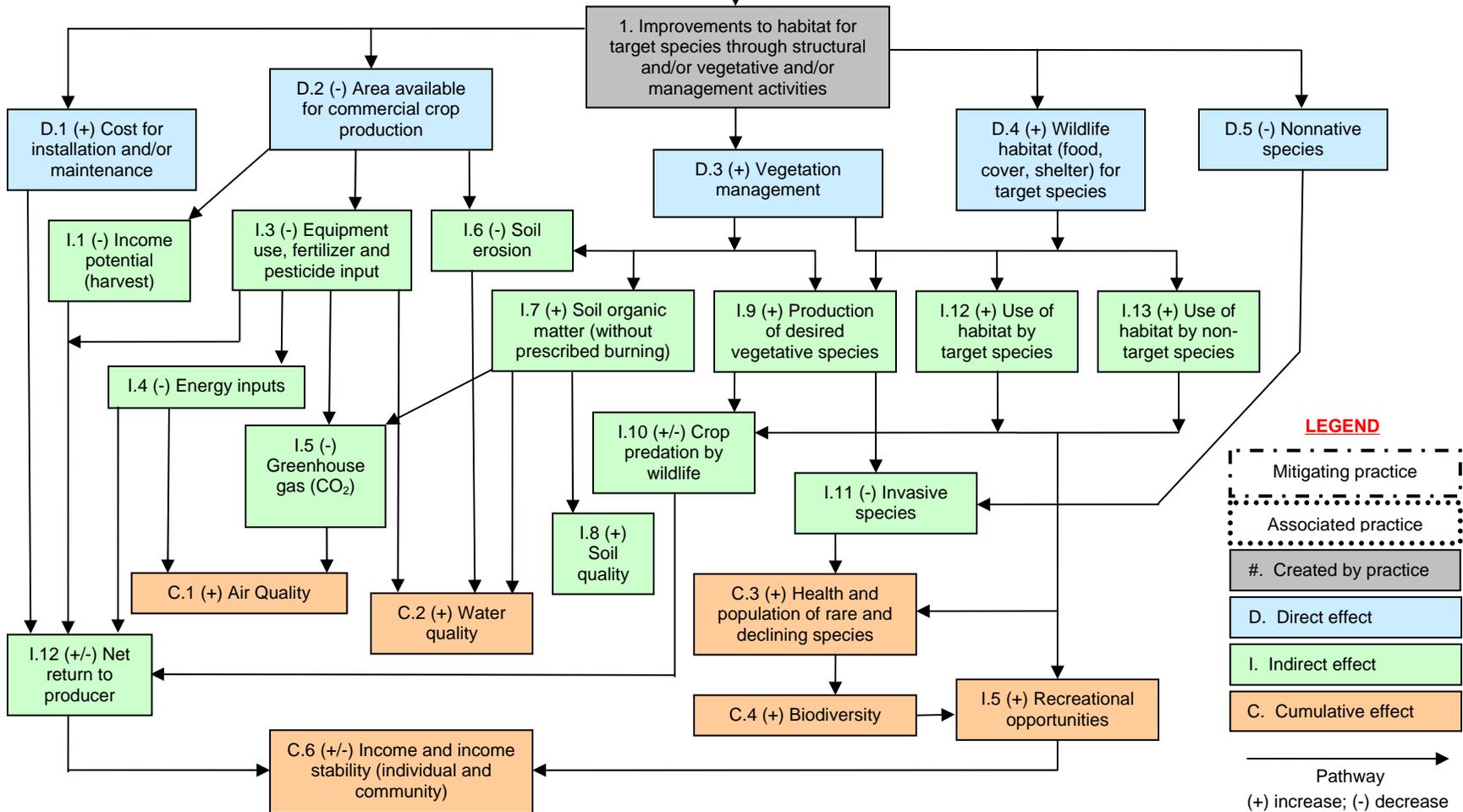
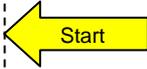
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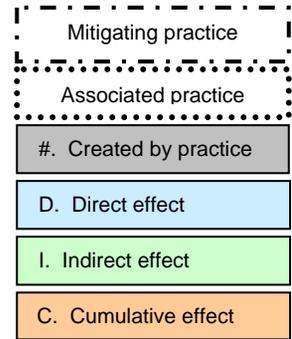
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Initial setting: Any site which once supported or currently supports the habitat which the decisionmaker wants to restore or manage



LEGEND



Pathway
(+) increase; (-) decrease

Note: Effects are qualified with a plus (+) or minus (-). These symbols indicate only an increase (+) or a decrease (-) in the effect upon the resource, not whether the effect is beneficial or adverse.

The diagram above identifies the effects expected to occur when this practice is applied according to NRCS practice standards and specifications. These effects are subjective and somewhat dependent on variables such as climate, terrain, soil, etc. All appropriate local, State, Tribal, and Federal permits and approvals are the responsibility of the landowners and are presumed to have been obtained. All income changes are partially dependent upon market fluctuations which are independent of the conservation practices. Users are cautioned that these effects are estimates that may or may not apply to a specific site.