

## Required Management Practices and Applicable Conservation Practices (CP)

All Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants with contracts beginning with Signup No. 26 are required to perform management activities as part of their approved conservation plan. These management activities are designed to ensure plant diversity and enhance wildlife benefits, while ensuring protection of the soil and water resources. The CRP participants may choose any of the required management practices available in Kansas, shown in the chart below and spelled out in the following pages. In selecting any of the available practices, the participant should consider their means to perform the practice.

Practice	Prescribed Burning	Interseeding	Brush Management	Managed Haying & Grazing
CP1	X	X		X
CP2	X	X		X
CP3		X*		
CP3A		X*		
CP4B	X	X		X
CP4D	X	X		X
CP5A		X*		
CP8A	X	X		
CP9	X			
CP10	X	X	X	X
CP11	X	X		
CP15A	X	X		
CP15B	X	X		
CP16A		X*		
CP17A		X*		
CP18B	X	X		X
CP18C	X	X		X
CP21	X	X		
CP22		X*		
CP23	X			
CP24	X	X		
CP25	X**	X		
CP27	X			
CP28	X	X		
CP29	X	X		
CP30	X	X		

\* Interseeding on the perimeter of the planting.

\*\* The first prescribed burn is considered maintenance on short, mixed and tall grass CP25 options and is not eligible for cost-share assistance.

### **Prescribed Burning:**

- The NRCS Standard and Specification 338 (Prescribed Burning) will be used for this management activity.
- This management activity shall not occur until the cover is established. It shall not be scheduled (with cost-share assistance) at such a time when the cost of the practice outweighs the benefits that would be received from the management practice; for example, in the last year(s) of the contract.
- Prescribed burning for wildlife habitat:
  - Soils with an "I" value of 86 or greater must be burned during the period of April 15 through April 30.
  - All other soils must be burned between February 1 and April 15.
- A firebreak is permitted with prescribed burning if completed according to the standard and specifications.
- The first prescribed burn conducted under CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat, for the short, mixed, and tall grass prairie options is considered maintenance and is not eligible for cost-share assistance.
- The state average cost for prescribed burning for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 is \$8.00 per acre. Cost-share is limited to 50 percent.
- Prescribed burning cannot be conducted in two consecutive years on the same acreage.

### **Interseeding:**

- The NRCS Standard and Specification 645 (Upland Wildlife Habitat Management) will be used for this management activity.
- Eligible costs include those items that are normally associated with vegetative cover establishment (seed, seeding, etc.).
- Use cost-share rates currently established in the county.
- This management activity shall not occur until cover is established. It shall not be scheduled (with cost-share assistance) at such a time when the cost of the practice outweighs the benefits that would be received from the management practice; for example, in the last year(s) of the contract.
- This management activity is limited to one time on the same acreage unless the interseeding failed due to reasons beyond the producer's control.
- The interseeding shall be limited to species not established in the original mix for plant diversity.
- If interseeding in CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat, only native species shall be used.

### **Brush Management (Existing Contract Only):**

- The NRCS Standard and Specification 314 (Brush Management) will be used for this management activity.
- This management activity shall not occur until cover is established. It shall not be scheduled (with cost-share assistance) at such a time when the cost of the practice outweighs the benefits that would be received from the management practice; for example, in the last year(s) of the contract.
- Brush management will be limited to only CP10. It does not apply to new offers.
- The state average cost for brush management for FY 2003 is as follows:
  - Chemical application - \$20.12
  - Mechanical application - \$44.58
  - Cost-share is limited to 50 percent.

### **Managed Grazing:**

- Managed grazing is an option available to the producer, which can be considered as a required management practice, in that it will provide plant diversity, wildlife benefits, and protection of the soil and water resources.
- Managed grazing will not be approved until after the grass has been established for 12 months.
- Refer to Farm Service Agency (FSA) 2-CRP (Rev. 4) Amendment 1, Paragraphs 292-293 and CRP Technical Guidance Number 45 for additional guidance on managed grazing.

### **Managed Haying:**

- Managed haying is an option available to the producer, which can be considered as a required management practice, in that it will provide plant diversity, wildlife benefits, and protection of the soil and water resources.
- Managed haying will not be approved until after the grass has been established for 12 months.
- Refer to FSA 2-CRP (Rev. 4) Amendment 1, Paragraphs 292-293, and CRP Technical Guidance Number 45 for additional guidance on managed haying.