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Forest Enhancement Bundle –BFO08 (Improves wildlife habitat in hardwood or mixed forests)

Enhancement Description
This bundle of enhancement activities includes: ANM12-Shallow water habitat; PLT15-Establish pollinator and/or beneficial insect habitat; PLT17-Create forest openings to improve hardwood stands; WQL01-Biological suppression and other non-chemical techniques to manage brush, weeds and invasive species; and WQL13-High level IPM to reduce pesticide environmental risk.

Land Use Applicability
Forestland

Benefits
This bundle of enhancements is focused on activities that will improve wildlife habitat and soil quality. Implementing these activities together creates a synergy that should result in more conservation benefits than might 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.
5. 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 ANM12, PLT15, PLT17, WQL01, and WQL13 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 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
ANM12			
PLT15			
PLT17			
WQL01			
WQL13			