



ANM33 Montana Supplement

Riparian Buffer, Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife Habitat – (Animal Enhancement Activity)

Montana Clarification

This enhancement applies only to **existing** forested and non-forested riparian zones. Utilize select conservation measures in the riparian zone to provide cover, vegetative diversity and structure for wildlife. The width of the riparian zones will be a minimum of 35 feet and a maximum of 150 feet. If the existing width is variable, the planner will use the average width. Average width will not exceed 150 feet. Where field boundaries or landscape prohibit extending the buffer to 150 feet, the planner may GPS the existing riparian forest buffer boundary.

For additional information on planning riparian forest buffers contact your local NRCS field office and request a copy of MT-391 Riparian Forest Buffer.

Montana Specifications

The minimum width for an **existing** forested and non-forested riparian forest buffer for ANM33 is 35 feet. The maximum width for this enhancement will be 150 feet. Enhancement enrolls only existing acres of riparian forest buffer and no new acres will be created. Enhance existing buffers by utilizing conservation measures such as establishing diverse native vegetation; controlling invasive species; retain or create snags; provide off-site watering facility for livestock; create riparian pastures with fencing; relocate trails or access roads.

List of suitable trees and shrubs:

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
TREE (CONIFER)	
Engelmann Spruce	<i>Picea engelmannii</i>
White Spruce	<i>Picea glauca</i>
Subalpine Fir	<i>Abies lasiocarpa</i>
Western Redcedar	<i>Thuja plicata</i>
Ponderosa Pine	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>
Douglas Fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>
Western Larch	<i>Larix occidentalis</i>
Grand Fir	<i>Abies grandis</i>
Rocky Mountain Juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
TREE (DECIDUOUS)	
Plains Cottonwood	<i>Populus sargentii</i>
Black Cottonwood	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>
Narrowleaf Cottonwood	<i>Populus angustifolia</i>
Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>
Black Hawthorne	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>
Mountain Maple	<i>Acer glabrum</i>
Quaking Aspen	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>
Water Birch	<i>Betula occidentalis</i>
Thinleaved Alder	<i>Alnus incana</i>

Boxelder	<i>Acer negundo</i>
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COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
SHRUB	
American Plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>
Native Willows	<i>Salix</i> spp.
Big Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>
Silver Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia cana</i>
Blue Elderberry	<i>Sambucus coerulea</i>
Skunkbush Sumac	<i>Rhus trilobata</i>
Common Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>
Redosier Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>
Silver Buffaloberry	<i>Sherpherdia argentea</i>
Common Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>
Wood's Rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>
Golden Currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>
Silverberry	<i>Elaeagnus commutata</i>

Incompatible Enhancements

Some enhancements are not compatible with other enhancements. If you have a question, contact your local NRCS office.

Eligible Land

Crop, pasture, range and forestland

Applicable Amount

Only applies to acres of existing non-forested and/or forested riparian zones on crop, pasture, range, or forest land types

Documentation Requirements

1. Delineations on a map or aerial photo indicating the stream channel length where the riparian zone has improved habitat.
2. Provide written documentation, on the delineation map, of all riparian zone activities implemented to meet the requirements of this enhancement.
3. List of maintenance activities carried out on riparian acres as prescribed under the practice used, and its specific fish and wildlife considerations.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all that is required for the implementation of this CSP Enhancement Activity.

 Contract participant

 Date