



**KANSAS SUPPLEMENT TO
CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY
E666P**

**CONSERVATION
STEWARDSHIP
PROGRAM**

Summer roosting habitat for native forest-dwelling bat species

Additional Criteria for Kansas

In addition to the criteria specified in National Enhancement E666P, the following apply in Kansas:

- Definition: Snags are standing dead trees while den trees are alive with a cavity in the trunk or limbs, and are large enough to shelter wildlife.
- Develop a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) to inventory and document the existing forest stand structural diversity, including snags and den trees. Through NRCS, a Kansas Forest Service (KFS) district forester may be requested to complete a FSP and to assist the producer with practice planning.
- Use the Conservation Assessment Ranking Tool (CART) national wildlife questions for the appropriate land use to meet WHEG requirements of this enhancement. To convert the CART score to a WHEG score, take the CART score and divide by 100. For example: CART score = 50, WHEG score would be calculated $(50/100) = 0.50$
- Refer to [Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 666](#), Forest Stand Improvement, Construction Specifications, for methods to kill trees.
- Refer to [Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 660](#), Tree/Shrub Pruning, Construction Specifications, for methods and guidance to proper tree pruning.
- Retain existing snags or create new snags of at least three (3) per acre. If creating new snags, three (3) from the >20 inches diameter breast-height (DBH) will be created. If snag trees are not available from this group, then additional snag trees can be created from the 10 to 20-inch DBH tree group.
- Maintain or establish den trees at the following rates:
 - One (1) larger than 20 inches DBH per acre.
 - Two (2) of 10 to 20 inches DBH per acre.

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- Where den trees are needed, create them by wounding selected trees in a variety of ways:
 - cut the branch 6 inches from trunk of tree, then chop out a 6 X 6 inch section of bark on the tree trunk, or
 - drill 2-inch diameter holes that are 3 inches deep into the tree.
- Implement snag and den tree activities in the period of October through March to avoid potentially detrimental disturbances while bats are active.

Additional Documentation Requirements for Kansas

No additional documentation from the national enhancement.