



CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY
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Brush management that maintains or enhances wildlife or fish habitat

Brush Management - 314

APPLICABLE LAND USE: Range, Pasture

RESOURCE CONCERN ADDRESSED: Degraded Plant Condition

PRACTICE LIFE SPAN: 10 years

Enhancement Description

Brush management is employed to create a desired plant community, consistent with the related ecological site steady state, which will maintain or enhance the wildlife habitat desired for the identified wildlife species. It will be designed to provide plant structure, density and diversity needed to meet those habitat objectives. This enhancement does not apply to removal of woody vegetation by prescribed fire or removal of woody vegetation to facilitate a land use change.

Criteria

- This enhancement will be applied in a manner to achieve the desired control of the target woody species while protecting the desired species through mechanical, chemical, or biological methods, alone or in combination. NRCS will not develop biological or chemical treatment recommendations except for biological control using grazing animals. NRCS may provide clients with acceptable biological and/or chemical control references.
- Identify species of concern in the objectives of the brush management enhancement.
- Brush management will be planned and applied in a manner to meet the habitat requirements for wildlife species of concern as determined by the state's NRCS Wildlife Habitation Evaluation Guide (WHEG).
- Evaluate wildlife habitat with the state NRCS WHEG and manage for a value of 0.75 or greater.



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- Brush management will be designed to achieve the desired plant community based on species composition, structure, density, and canopy (or foliar) cover or height.
- Conduct treatments during periods of the year that accommodate reproduction and other life-cycle requirements of target wildlife and pollinator species.

Documentation Requirements

- Brush management and grazing management plans that clearly identify the wildlife species of concern for the area.
- Brush management (CPS 314) state specific, farm specific job sheet.
- Records of treatment (pesticide rates, substances, etc.) Grazing records that document adherence to label requirements, when applicable.
- WHEG evaluation before implementation and after implementation of this enhancement. Minimum WHEG value after implementation is to be 0.75 or greater.
- Map delineating the area that will be treated.