



CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY

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Reduction of attractants to human-subsidized predators in sensitive wildlife species habitat

Conservation Practice 645: Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

APPLICABLE LAND USE: Crop (Annual & Mixed); Crop (Perennial); Pasture; Range; Forest; Associated Ag Land; Farmstead

RESOURCE CONCERN ADDRESSED: Fish & Wildlife – Inadequate Habitat

PRACTICE LIFE SPAN: 1 Year

Enhancement Description

Reduction of artificial perching sites, nest sites, food, and water available to subsidized predators in areas where human-subsidized predators are a threat to sensitive wildlife species. Human-subsidized predators may include ravens, crows, magpies, coyotes, foxes, skunks, raccoons, and other species. Activities under this enhancement may include removal of non-native or invasive trees; removal of unused power poles, corrals, windmills, buildings, and other vertical structures; and/or removal or management of watering facilities, dead livestock, road kill, garbage, animal feed, dumps, and other non-natural food sources.

Criteria

- Identify the targeted sensitive wildlife species.
- Identify the subsidized predator(s).
- Coordinate planned activities with a NRCS or partner biologist.
 - Coordination with US Fish and Wildlife Service and the State Wildlife Agency may be required.
- Treat only artificial, human caused subsidies.



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- This activity shall not to be used to remove or modify natural water sources, natural perching and nesting sites, and natural food sources for native predators.
- Develop an assessment of the subsidies, including:
 - Each individual subsidy with a point on a map,
 - A description of the subsidy,
 - Effects to non-target wildlife species, especially raptors and other native predators, and
 - Potential effects to all sensitive as well as threatened and endangered (T&E) species.
- Conduct subsidy removal activities in a manner to avoid direct mortality and outside of the nesting season.
- Lethal control shall not be performed as a component of this activity.

Documentation Requirements

- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (CPS 645)
- Copy of the assessment including the components listed in the criteria
- Map of the assessed and removed predator subsidies with descriptions of each item
- Dates when the subsidy was removed
- Before and after photographs of removed subsidies