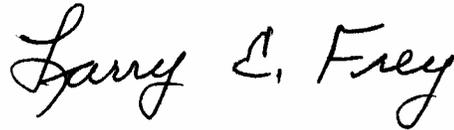


For: Oregon County Offices

CRP Management Activities & Component Codes

Approved by: Larry Frey, State Executive Director



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1 Overview

A Background

All CRP contracts, effective with General Signup 26, must have a management activity as part of the approved conservation plan for the selected practices. State-wide management activities have been developed that ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits in addition to promoting protection of soil and water resources. Each CRP participant will work with NRCS or the TSP to select appropriate management activities that will meet the goals stated above. The management activities will be cost-shared up to 50% of the eligible costs. Cost-share is limited to \$50/ acre per year not to exceed \$100/acre for the life of a 10 year contract and \$125/acre for the life of a 15 year contract.

CRP participants with contracts prior to General Signup 26 may elect to but are not required to revise the conservation plan to include management activities. However, these voluntary management activities carry the same terms and conditions as have been established for the required management activities. Caution must be used to differentiate between those practices that enhance the initial establishment of the practice and those activities required of the participant for maintenance of the established cover.

Disposal

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Distribution

Oregon COFs, COFs relay to local NRCS Office

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B Purpose

- 1 This notice includes management activities currently approved for use on CRP conservation plans. Additional activities can be adopted based on local needs. These must be submitted to the State FSA Office with documentation from NRCS or the TSP justifying the need and detailing the timing of the activity.

Management activities for grass and legume covers are contained in Exhibit 1 and management activities for tree planting practices are contained in Exhibit 2. Some activities are also specified for a specific part of the state.

- 2 This notice also contains a suggested format for component codes for management activities. Although each county is allowed to develop specific component codes, those codes must be separate and distinct from those used for initial establishment of the cover. This is to limit confusion on what is part of the initial establishment and what activity is a management activity. These component codes should be developed and submitted to the State Office specialist for review. Approved component codes shall be used on all conservation plans beginning with the date of this notice.

It is suggested that a numerical series be reserved for use with the component codes. For example, if a county or district currently has component codes through the 600 series, the 800 series could be selected to use with management activities. Each approved activity should have a separate component code with some activities having more than one. For example, interseeding could have two component codes, one for native grass seed and one for non-native grass. Management activity component codes should carry an "M" to denote that it is a management activity.

For example, a county or district that is using the 800 series could establish the following list of component codes:

- 801M Light disking
- 802M Mowing
- 803M Interseeding (native grasses)
- 804M Interseeding (non-native grasses)
- 805M Prescribed burning- grass
- 810M Non-commercial thinning
- 811M Pruning
- 812M Create openings
- 813M Slash treatment
- 814M Prescribed burning-tree stands
- 815M Plant trees and/or shrubs
- 816M Nest boxes
- 817M Bat boxes
- 818M Establishment of snags

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C Contact

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Lois Loop, Program Specialist.

2 Action

A COF Action

Review this notice with the NRCS or TSP personnel that are developing conservation plans for CRP contracts effective with General Signup 26. Inform CRP applicants of the need for inclusion of a management activity during the life of the CRP contract. Develop component codes that follow the suggested format and submit a list of those codes to the State Office for review.

The preferred method is an electronic file that contains County developed component codes.

CEDs shall provide a copy of this notice to their NRCS counterpart.

B Obsoleted Notices

Oregon Notice CRP-64 is obsolete.

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR GRASS/LEGUME PRACTICES

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>TIMING</u>	<u>C/S</u>
<u>Light Disking</u>	every 3-5 years	fall or winter	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Limited to not more than 40%-50% of the area. May be followed by interseeding.		
<u>Mowing</u>	every 5-10 years	after July 15	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Limited to not more than 30-60% of the area. If more than 100 acres then break into small areas and rotate mowing. Should be used to reduce invasive woody vegetation and enhance grass growth. Leave residue or remove under supervision of FSA.		
<u>Interseeding</u>	should follow disking	fall or spring before March 1	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	If used for native grass seed in late fall. No more than 40%-50% should be seeded in any one year so not all cover is disturbed.		
<u>Prescribed Burning</u>	every 5-6 years	early spring	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Not allowed in air quality zones. If possible rotate so not all cover is burned in any one year. Should be done under the supervision of qualified personnel under an approved burn plan. Should be used to control woody vegetation and reduce buildup of thatch.		

Note: Cost-share shall not exceed \$100/acre for the life of a 10 year contract and \$125/acre for the life of a 15 year contract

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES TREE PLANTING PRACTICES

Western Oregon
Assume 15 year contract

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>TIMING</u>	<u>C/S</u>
<u>Non-commercial Thinning</u>	once between years 6 and end	variable	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Variable spacing is recommended to improve wildlife habitat and plant diversity.		
<u>Pruning</u>	once between years 8 and end	variable	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Improves wildlife habitat, reduces wildfire hazard and improves forest health. Prune 100-200 trees/acre. (Limited to Jackson & Josephine Co.)		
<u>Create Openings</u>	once between years 6 and end	variable	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Improves wildlife habitat and plant diversity. May consist of multiple small "gaps" or one to three small meadows. One or two trees to remain in the middle of each meadow to promote "wolf tree" characteristics.		
<u>Slash Treatment</u>	used after thinning/pruning or cutting to create openings		50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Treat or remove slash. To improve wildlife habitat, forest health and reduce wildfire hazard (limited to Jackson/Josephine Co).		
<u>Prescribed Burning</u>	1-2 times between years 8 and end	variable	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Under burn an established stand of trees to improve wildlife habitat and reduce wildfire hazard (limited to Jackson & Josephine Co).		
<u>Plant Trees and/or Shrubs</u>	once between years 4 and end	early spring	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Plant native trees and/or shrubs in openings in the stand or around the perimeter to improve wildlife habitat and plant diversity.		
<u>Wildlife structures</u>	once between years 4 and end	variable	50%
	Create cavities, snags, nest boxes, roosts or platforms. (Cost range determined by type of practice.)		

Note: Cost-share shall not exceed \$100/acre for the life of a 10 year contract and \$125/acre for the life of a 15 year contract

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR TREE PLANTING PRACTICES

Eastern Oregon
Assume 15 year contracts

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>TIMING</u>	<u>C/S</u>
<u>Non-Commercial Thinning</u>	1-2 times between years 8 and end	variable	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	(Should be done twice if stand is so thick going to target spacing puts trees at risk for snow bendovers. Variable spacing is recommended to maximize wildlife benefits. Do between years 8-15 for new plantings and years 1-5 for existing stands. Objective is stand health and vigor and wildlife habitat enhancement, lower fire risk).		
<u>Slash Treatment</u>	Used in conjunction with non-commercial thinning.		50% NTE \$50/acre per year
<u>Planting Additional Trees for Diversity</u>	Once between years 1-10	early spring	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Plant 50-150 trees per acre. Goal is to enhance wildlife habitat and diversity.		
<u>Planting Shrubs for Diversity</u>	Once between years 1-10	early spring	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Goal is to enhance wildlife habitat and diversity.		
<u>Pruning</u>	Once between years 4-10	Variable	50% NTE \$50/acre per year
	Benefits stand health and fire hazard reduction. Especially important on edges of stands and where disease may be problem (gall rust, mistletoe).		
<u>Prescribed Underburn</u>	1-2 times between years 4-13	Variable	50% \$50/acre per year
	Wildlife enhancement and ecosystem health.		

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