

Forest Enhancement Bundle – BFO09 (Improve wildlife habitat, soil quality and forest health)



Enhancement Description

This bundle of enhancement activities includes: PLT15- Establish pollinator and/or beneficial insect habitat; PLT21- Forest stand improvement pre-treating vegetation and fuels preceding a prescribed fire; SQL13- Forest stand improvement for soil health; WQL28- Biological suppression and other non-chemical techniques to manage brush, weeds and invasive species; and either PLT23- Conifer crop tree release, or PLT24- Crop tree release in young hardwood stands.

Land Use Applicability

Forestland

Benefits

This bundle of enhancements is focused on activities that will improve wildlife habitat, soil quality, and forest health. Implementing these activities together creates a synergy that should result in more conservation benefits than might be expected from the individual activities. Applicants that choose to implement this bundle of activities will receive an increase in ranking and activity points.

Conditions Where Enhancement Applies

This enhancement applies to all forest land use acres.

Criteria

Bundle rules

1. All of the activities in the bundle must be implemented. However, if an applicant is already implementing 1 or 2 of the activities, they are still eligible for the bundle and only need to implement the remaining 3 or 4 activities.
2. Applicants will be required to install all enhancements in the bundle wherever they are needed on the applied area.
3. Other enhancements cannot be substituted for those in the bundles.
4. Applicants choose the acres of their operation where they want to implement the bundle. If the applicant chooses to implement the activity on only a portion of their operation, their ranking and performance points will be reduced proportionally.
5. The amount of the bundle that can be scheduled cannot exceed the most limiting individual “system” enhancement scheduled.



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Follow the criteria in the respective enhancement activity sheets to implement each enhancement.

For this bundle, implement PLT15, PLT21, SQL13, WQL28, and either PLT23 or PLT24 according to their respective criteria on all of the area selected for bundle application.

Adoption Requirements

This enhancement is considered adopted when rules # 1 and 2 from “Rules for Enhancement Activity Bundles” above have been fulfilled.

Documentation Requirements

Follow the documentation requirements in the respective enhancement activity sheets to document the implementation of each enhancement.

In addition, document the actual amount, fields and when each enhancement in the bundle is implemented:

Enhancement Activity	Amount (unit)	Field(s) Number or Name	Year Applied
PLT15			
PLT21			
SQL13			
WQL28			
PLT23 or PLT24			