

SECTION V: TECHNICAL STANDARDS and SPECIFICATIONS

This section provides technical standards and specifications for common forestry-related conservation practices. Maine NRCS standards and specification guides are generally based on previously established WoodsWISE practice technical specifications. They are revised from time to time to remain current.

In general, the reason for providing assistance for conservation practices through WoodsWISE is to establish, manage, maintain, enhance, and/or restore forests. *Practice implementation must support the stated purpose(s) of the practice.*

The **Standard** for each conservation practice includes a list of purposes. It also contains criteria that must be met for all purposes and additional criteria for specific purposes. A practice may be used for one or several or all of the purposes in the Standard. The Standard also contains operation and maintenance requirements for the practice.

Specification Guide Sheets contain how-to information for each purpose identified in the Standard. They also contain documentation requirements. Specifications may be different for different purposes; only the applicable specifications need to be followed in a given situation.

A **Statement of Work (SOW)** details the deliverables necessary to successfully complete and document the design, installation and implementation of a practice.

Practice **Job Sheets** are optional tools for satisfying the documentation requirements indicated in the SOW.

Listed below are direct links to Practice Standards, Specification Guide Sheets, Statements of Work and Job Sheets, if available, for the following commonly implemented conservation practices:

Forest Stand Improvement-666 This practice is an umbrella that covers several activities, including *thinning, competition control, mast and crop tree release, sanitation cutting, and stand improvement for carbon storage.*

Standards:

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666_stand.pdf

Specification Guide:

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666_spec.pdf

Statement of Work:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666_sow.pdf

Job Sheet:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666_js.doc

Brush Control-314 This practice is used to control woody invasive plant species with both chemical and mechanical methods.

Standards:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/Code314_new.pdf

Statement of Work:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/sow314_1.pdf

Job Sheet:

<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/Code314js.doc>

Herbaceous Weed Control-315 This practice is used to control herbaceous invasive plants with both chemical and mechanical methods.

Standards:

<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/Code315.pdf>

Statement of Work:

<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/sow315.docx>

Job Sheet:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/Code315js_1.doc

Tree/Shrub Establishment-612 This practice is used for planting trees.

Standards:

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/code_612.pdf

Specification Guide:

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612_spec.pdf

Statement of Work:

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612_sow..pdf

Job Sheet:

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612_js.pdf

Tree/Shrub Pruning-660

Standards:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/Code660_rev11_10.pdf

Specification Guide:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me660_spec_rev.pdf

Statement of Work:

<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me660sow.pdf>

Job Sheet:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/Code660JSTree_Pruning.doc

Tree/Shrub Site Prep-490

Standard:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/code_490.pdf

Statement of Work:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me490_sow_final.doc

Job sheet:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/ME/MEJS_490.pdf

Forest Trails and Landings-655 This practice is used to build and/or repair yarding trails and/or log landings or yards.

Standards:

<http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/code655.pdf>

Specification Guide:

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me655_spe.pdf

Statement of Work:

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me655_sow.doc

Job Sheet:

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me655_js.doc

See NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for updates and information on additional conservation practices. The electronic version (eFOTG) is available online at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg>