

Habitat Management Enhancements



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Encourage the use of nest structures and brush piles for habitat for cavity nesting birds, mammals, and herptiles.

Definition

Develop nest structures and/or brush piles for cavity nesting birds and mammals or install nesting/basking/hibernacula structures for reptiles and amphibians.

Purpose

Installation of nesting/basking/hibernacula structures will benefit birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

Where Used

Nesting structures vary widely in design. As you consider an artificial habitat structure, carefully review the target species biology and habitat requirements. All necessary components of the species habitat should be present for the structure to be successful.

Documentation Required

Contact the local NRCS office for assistance in obtaining structure designs. The appropriate structure design shall be placed in the contract folder

Operation and Maintenance

Structures shall be inspected and maintenance completed on an annual basis.

Payment Rate

The payment rate is an annual payment per acre where there is at least one nesting/basking/hibernacula structure.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that, if requested, I will provide additional documentation to support the above information.

Signature _____ **Date** _____