United States Department of Agriculture

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

HABITAT MANAGEMENT (CSP Enhancements) WEST VIRGINIA 2005

CSP Enhancement Activity Task Sheet

CLIENT: _____

WORKSHEET 11* – Manage brush piles along field edges

Payment = $25/acre/year to manage brush piles along field edges. A total of four (4) per acre of suitable habitat and a limit of six (6) acres per contract.

☐ **THIS ENHANCEMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CURRENT CSP CONTRACT**

The purpose of this practice is to provide habitat for those species of wildlife that benefit from early successional vegetation or the creation of brush and woody cover. When natural cover is limited in wildlife habitat, brush piles may be provided. For cost efficiency, brush piles may be a by-product of other land management activities, rather than a specific practice. Timber harvest, timber stand improvements, pasture or cropland clearing, and firewood cutting all provide woody limbs suitable for brush piles.

Brush piles can be fashioned in many different ways to meet various cover needs for particular wildlife species. Constructing brush piles on your land can provide cover for ground-nesting birds (such as quail), many songbirds, rabbits, and other small mammals. Landowners should determine what cover types are needed and specifically design brush piles to meet those needs.

Refer to the West Virginia Conservation Practice *Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647) – Brush Piles for Wildlife* for more information regarding the establishment, management and maintenance of this practice.

Certification of Management of Brush Piles Along Field Edges

Farm# _____ **Tract #** _____

Field #	Number of Brush Piles Installed	Acres Managed

I certify that I have managed brush piles along field edges as listed above and as outlined in the job sheet(s) I was provided.

Client's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Additional Notes:

* This enhancement is not available to the Little Muskinghum/Middle Island Watershed.