

**CENTRAL PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT PRESCRIBED BURN COST SHARE PROGRAM**

**Purpose of Cost Share Practice:**

*To control undesirable vegetation, to prepare sites for harvesting, planting or seeding, to control plant disease, to reduce wildfire hazards, to improve wildlife habitat, to improve plant production quantity and/or quality, to remove slash and debris, to enhance seed and seedling production, to facilitate distribution of grazing and browsing animals, and to restore and maintain ecological sites.*

Cost share is 50% of actual cost (or 50% of landowners share when other cost share is involved) with a lifetime limit of \$2,500.00. Cost share will only pertain to costs resulting from contractor fees incurred during the implementation of the prescribed fire. Cost Share is available only if the landowner is hiring their own contractor, either than the NRD.

The cost of a prescribed burn by the Central Platte Natural Resources Districts is as follows:

Burns 40 acres or less = \$2,000 minimum charge  
41-159 acres = An additional \$16/acre  
160-319 acres = An additional \$8/acre  
Burns over 320 acres will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Use Central Platte NRD Prescribed Burn Cost Share Application Form. Application must be in the name of the landowner with corresponding social security number or tax ID number.

Applications for cost share are not effective until approved by the NRD Board of Directors. Landowner(s) will be notified by the NRD concerning approval.

The prescribed burn must be planned by a person or persons qualified to carry out such work. The prescribed burn plan must be reviewed and approved by the NRD's Prescribed Burn Coordinator before the prescribed burn can be accomplished. Landowner will be required to obtain a valid open burning permit as per Nebraska Statute 81-520.01.

The prescribed burn must be carried out by a qualified team or private company approved by the NRD Prescribed Burn Coordinator. Proof of adequate insurance and landowner liability agreement will be required before conducting any activity covered under this cost share program.

Claims for payment will not be accepted more than nine months from the date the application is approved. Items of cost for which reimbursement is claimed must be supported by documentation of payments made.

The Central Platte NRD accepts no liability for any prescribed burn activities associated with the cost share, application, application approval, prescribed burn plan, prescribed burn approval, or the prescribed burn itself.

US Citizenship must accompany application.