

## **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 have been written to be closely coordinated with previously established WoodsWISE practice technical specifications.

In general, the reason for providing assistance for conservation practices through WoodsWISE is to address one or more resource concerns involving the establishment, management, maintenance, enhancement, and restoration of 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 information necessary to completely document the design, installation and checkout 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 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, removal of invasive species and stand improvement for carbon storage.*]

Standards:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666\\_stand.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666_stand.pdf)

Specification Guide:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666\\_spec.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666_spec.pdf)

Statement of Work:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666\\_sow.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666_sow.pdf)

Job Sheet:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666\\_js.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me666_js.pdf)

### **Tree/Shrub Establishment-612**

Standards:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/code\\_612.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/code_612.pdf)

Specification Guide:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612\\_spec.pdf](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](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612_sow..pdf)

Job Sheet:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612\\_js.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612_js.pdf)

### **Tree/Shrub Pruning-660**

Standards:

<http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/code660.pdf>

Specification Guide:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me660\\_spec.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me660_spec.pdf)

Statement of Work:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me660\\_sow.doc](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me660_sow.doc)

Job Sheet:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me660\\_js.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me660_js.pdf)

### **Tree/Shrub Site Prep-490**

Standards:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/code\\_612.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/code_612.pdf)

Specification Guide:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612\\_spec.pdf](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](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612_sow..pdf)

Job Sheet:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612\\_js.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me612_js.pdf)

**Forest Trails and Landings-655**

Standards:

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

Specification Guide:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me655\\_spe.pdf](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](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me655_sow.doc)

Job Sheet:

[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/ME/me655\\_js.doc](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>