

Watershed Agricultural Program SOP

4.2.08.01

INVASIVE SPECIES OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL

An organizational procedure for determining the need for obstruction removal of invasive species along fence lines that are beyond the normal Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of an approved BMP.

The WAP staff shall proceed as follows:

1. WAP staff that are conducting an Annual Status Review (ASR) or other visit to the landowner/producer for the purpose of determining O&M of fences will document the type of invasive species and amount of growth along and into the fence line. Photos will be needed.
2. WAP planning staff will refer to Guideline 4.2.08 and where applicable will revise the landowner/producer WFP to include the obstruction removal BMP.
3. WAP planning staff will present the revision through the normal peer, coach and Ag Program Committee procedures.
4. Upon completion of the WFP revision the BMP will be prioritized by the WAP Managers for implementation. Obstruction removal BMPs that are needed for CREP re-enrollment will be given highest priority.
5. At that time, WAP Management shall assign staff to implement the obstruction removal BMP and this will be entered into the workload files.
6. After the Obstruction Removal is completed WAP planning staff will monitor the landowner/producer(s) O&M of the fence lines.

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