

**NEW PROPOSED**  
**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE**  
Caldwell SWCD  
11/5/2015

**CLEARING AND  
SNAGGING**  
**NRCS PRACTICE CODE 326**

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## CLEARING AND SNAGGING

### Definition/Purpose

Clearing and Snagging is a Best Management Practice for Removal of vegetation along the bank (clearing) and/or selective removal of snags, drifts, or other obstructions (snagging) from natural or improved channels and streams. Clearing and Snagging reduces excessive bank erosion by eddies or redirection of flow caused by obstructions. The practice restores flow capacity and direction and reduces risks to stream bank or cropland erosion by removing obstructions that hinder channel flow. This practice would reduce sediment

### Policies

1. BMP soil impact is required on the contract.
2. Minimum life of BMP is 10 years.
3. Clearing and Snagging is to be used only when the obstruction has caused erosion to the stream bank ~~into~~ adjacent cropland or pasture.
4. Clearing and Snagging must be used in conjunction with a vegetative practice. Native herbaceous/woody plant materials shall be planted.
5. Areas denuded and susceptible to soil erosion as a consequence of obstructions must be repaired in conjunction with Clearing and Snagging.
6. Cost Share shall be based on actual cost.
7. Cooperators are responsible for obtaining and complying with all required permits.
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### Specifications

NC Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Technical Guide, Section IV, Specification #326 (Clearing and Snagging), #342 (Critical Area Planting) and #580 (Stream bank and Shoreline Protection).

Average Cost per Unit

- ? Clearing and Snagging
  - a. Obstruction Removal 75% of actual cost
  - b. Vegetation  
(Designate elements from cost list)
  - c. Grading  
(Designate elements from cost list)



Fallen trees creating obstruction



Bank exposed and susceptible to erosion



(Upper right in photo) Debris adding to obstruction



Stream bank erosion as a result of the obstruction (fallen tree and root system)