Natural Areas – Pest Control	
Not a Federal category	
Are any existing manuals/exams available?	Florida has manual and exam JUST for natural area. Nature Conservancy has natural area control handbook, covers ALL types of control.
Research notes: - Anything identified in the AAPCO survey? - What did you find online? - What did you learn contacting others?	Very few states pull this out separately. Most have it as part of forestry. Many want information about invasive species control, but not necessarily pesticide applicator training specific.
How many states/tribes use this category?	3 (others have it in forest or regulatory)
How national, regional, or local is the training material likely to be, for this category? For example, would you expect the training material to be similar in each state, or tailored to local pests/conditions?	unlikely to have national, or even regional interest in a stand alone manual
How is the category lumped with other categories and/or split into several categories?	lumped typically with Forest
What are some sample competencies in this category? For example, what does the table of contents include?	***Licensing in Natural areas*** ***Pest Plants in Natural areas*** ***Herbicide Characteristics*** ***Methods of Application*** ***Mixing, Loading, and Application*** ***Non-herbicide Methods*** ***Understanding the Label*** ***Record Keeping Forms and Common Conversions***
Are there emerging regulations or science in this area?	New invasive species
Are there opportunities to reduce duplication of effort?	probably not
Are there critical items or methods needed to ensure accuracy/quality?	This will widely vary with each region/state
Need or interest for workgroup?	Although an overall manual may not be needed, parts of a manual would benefit several interested parties. Florida plans to make the manual available for collaboration/use in other states.
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Summary (1-3 paragraphs):

This is NOT a common category and as such the need for a national or even regional manual is minimal. It would be possible that states with this program might simply share certain chapters to be utilized in others much larger manuals. Florida will have a Florida specific manual that might be of use to the southern region, but many of the species discussed would not transfer to states further north. This is a category that likely does not need further discussion. Those groups doing large scale natural area management are well connected for the information they need, and so few need a proper license that efforts should be focused on other areas.