



528 – Prescribed Grazing Implementation Requirements

Producer:

Location:

Farm Name:

Project or Contract:

County:

Tract Number(s):

Practice Lifespan – 1 year



Practice Purpose(s): (check all that apply)

- Improve or maintain desired species composition, structure and/or vigor of plant communities.
- Improve or maintain quantity and/or quality of forage for grazing and browsing animals' health and productivity.
- Improve or maintain surface and/or subsurface water quality and/or quantity.
- Improve or maintain riparian and/or watershed function.
- Reduce soil erosion and maintain or improve soil health.
- Improve or maintain the quantity, quality, or connectivity of food and/or cover available for wildlife.
- Manage fine fuel loads to achieve desired conditions.

Goals, Objectives, Specific Purpose:

Description of Work:

Total Grazing Acres:

Number and Type(s) of Grazing Livestock:

For NRCS Use Only

Designed By:

Date

Checked By:

Date

Approved By:

Date

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REQUIRED GRAZING PLAN CONTENTS:

Prescribed Grazing requires grazing management according to an approved prescribed grazing plan for all planned conservation management units where grazing and/or browsing will occur. The Prescribed Grazing Plan must include the following at a minimum: *(If Grazing Plan has already been developed, check all which need further development)*

Goals and objectives clearly stated.

Resource inventory that identifies—

- Existing resource conditions and concerns.
- Ecological site or forage suitability group.
- Opportunities to enhance resource conditions.
- Location and condition of structural improvements such as fences, water developments, etc., including seasonal availability and quality of waterings sites.

Forage inventory of the expected forage quality, quantity, and species in each management unit(s).

Forage-animal balance developed for the grazing plan that ensures forage produced or available meets forage demand of livestock and/or wildlife.

Grazing plan developed for livestock that identifies periods of grazing and/or browsing, deferment, rest, and/or other treatment activities for each management unit that accommodates the flexibility needed for adaptive management decisions as supported by the contingency plan and monitoring plan in order to meet goals and objectives.

Contingency plan developed that details potential problems (i.e., drought, flooding, and insects) and serves as a guide for adaptive management decisions in grazing prescription adjustments in order to mitigate resource and economic effects.

Monitoring plan developed with appropriate protocols and records that assess whether the grazing strategy is resulting in a movement toward meeting goals and objectives. Short-term and long-term monitoring may be needed to determine outcomes and support timely adaptive management decisions. Identify the key areas, key plants, or other monitoring indicators that the manager should evaluate in making grazing management decisions.

Check all that apply:

Grazing Plan has been developed by:	Certified TSP	Other Grazing Specialist	NRCS
Grazing Plan will be developed by:	Certified TSP	Other Grazing Specialist	NRCS

A map(s) showing all fields/paddocks planned for Prescribed Grazing is attached.

OPERATION / MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE:

Operation

Prescribed grazing will be applied on a continuing basis throughout the livestock occupation period of all planned grazing units. Adaptive management decisions will be made as needed and documented within the plan to ensure that the goals and objectives of the prescribed grazing strategy are met.

Maintenance

Monitoring data and grazing records will be used on a regular basis within the prescribed grazing plan to ensure that objectives are being met, or to make necessary changes in the prescribed grazing plan to meet objectives. Completed grazing records will be provided to NRCS at the end of each grazing season.

All facilitating and accelerating conservation practices that are needed to effect adequate grazing and/or browsing distribution as planned by this practice standard will be maintained in good working order and operated as intended.

If you have questions about this planned **Prescribed Grazing** practice contact:

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