

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
PRESCRIBED GRAZING (ACRE)
CODE 528A
MONTANA CONSERVATION PRACTICE JOB SHEET

PRESCRIBED GRAZING—JOB SHEET

PRODUCER	FARM NO.	TRACT	FIELD NO.
CONTRACT NO.	CIN	ACRES	DATE
		JOB APPROVAL AUTHORITY	

SCOPE

This is to be used as a basic summary of the more inclusive Montana NRCS FOTG 528A Standard and Specification for Prescribed Grazing. A specific "Grazing Plan" is attached as part of this agreement.

GRAZING LANDS OBJECTIVE

Maintain an adequate forage base to meet the producer's objectives, yet maintain greater than 50% similarity to the potential plant community or an upward trend according to professional discipline standards. Grazing will be managed to promote riparian area health and function.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

REQUIREMENTS

The **Prescribed Grazing Plan** will, at a minimum, require:

- 1) Planned use of herbaceous forage species will not exceed 50% of the current year's growth, unless higher utilization is accounted for by more intensive grazing rotations, and increased rest periods.
- 2) Livestock forage requirements, wildlife use and pest damage (if significant) will be balanced with forage availability.
- 3) Browsing of woody species shall not exceed 50% of annual leaf and twig growth.
- 4) Season of use on native rangeland shall be rotated annually, or during the cycle of the grazing rotation.
- 5) Dormant season grazing will not exceed 70% use on native rangeland.
- 6) Winter feed areas will be selected away from riparian areas. Manure will be spread or scattered if build-up is likely to cause contaminated run-off or inhibit plant growth. Stocking rates and time of use will be selected as needed to prevent physical damage to herbaceous and woody plant species.
- 7) Riparian areas and uplands will have an identified monitoring site and plan.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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ADDITIONAL PRACTICES NEEDED TO COMPLETE GRAZING LANDS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 382–Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> 550–Range Planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water developments (various practices) _____
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 548–Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> 314–Brush Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 645–Wildlife Upland Habitat Management | <input type="checkbox"/> 595–Pest Management |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

SPECIFIC SUPPORT DATA ATTACHED

- Similarity Index, Trend, and Health Worksheets (MT–ECS–2, Rev. 04/02)
- Pastureland Inventory Worksheet(s) (MT–ECS–116)
- Grazing Lands Inventory Summary Sheet (MT–CPA–18A, Rev 04/02)
- Forage Balance Worksheet (MT–CPA–18, MT–CPA–18B, or Equivalent Electronic Worksheet)
- Planned Utilization Levels, (ECS–414) Proper Grazing Use, or equivalent
- Detailed Grazing Plan or Schedule
- Monitoring Plan Worksheet (ECS–118)

APPROVAL:

I have reviewed the special provision, drawings, and specifications and agree to construct this project in accordance with them.

Producer

Date

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that this practice has been installed in accordance with NRCS standards and specifications.

NRCS Conservationist

JOB APPROVAL AUTHORITY

Date

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