

STATEMENT OF WORK
PRESCRIBED GRAZING
CODE (528)

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Pre-planning conference with client.
2. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
 - b. List of facilitating practices (i.e. fence, 382; Watering Facility, 614; Pest Management, 595; Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, 645)
 - c. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop prescribed grazing plans including but not limited to:
 - i. Inventory of forage and water.
 - ii. Kind of animal.
 - iii. Animal demand and availability for forage and water.
 - iv. Percent Grazing Use or grazing height.
 - v. Key grazing specie(s) and area.
 - vi. Grazing and recovery periods.
 - vii. Contingency Plan (i.e. Drought or Flooding)
 - viii. Complete Cultural Resources Site Review and Documentation Form (CO-SSC-1), and New Site Report Form (CO-SSC-2), as applicable.
 - d. The following forms and/or worksheets need to be completed as applicable:
 - i. Prescribed grazing job sheets;
 - ii. NRCS National Range and Pasture Handbook (NRPH) Exhibit 4-7, Worksheet for Determining Similarity Index or Similarity Index Worksheet 528(1) or Inventory Worksheet 528(2);
 - iii. Exhibit 4-3, NRCS Range 414 – Proper Grazing Use or Utilization Worksheet 528(5);
 - iv. Exhibit 4-6, Trend Determination Worksheet and Exhibit 4-8 Rangeland Health Ecological Attributes Worksheet or Inventory Worksheet 528(2);
 - v. Exhibit 5-2, Forage Inventory Worksheet or Livestock, Forage, and Feed Worksheet 528(3);
 - vi. Apparent Trend Worksheet 528(4) (can replace NRPH Exhibit 4-6);
 - vii. Exhibit 5-6, Prescribed Grazing Schedule Worksheet or Schedule Worksheet 528(6);
 - viii. Exhibit 6-1, Livestock and Wildlife Summary and Data Sheet;
 - ix. Pasture Management Worksheet 528(7) (can replace NRPH Exhibit 5-6);
 - x. Exhibit 4-5, Browse Resource Evaluation Worksheet.
3. A written plan shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
4. Specification sheet provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to apply the practice and obtain necessary permits.
5. Identify fields where practice to be applied on a farm or ranch plan map.
6. Operation and maintenance plan.

7. Certification that the prescribed grazing plan meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
8. Document modifications during design as required.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client
2. Provide application guidance as needed
3. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer
4. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during implementation.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Exit conference with client and contractor.
2. Records of application on appropriate forms, worksheets, and/or job sheets.
3. The periods of grazing and recovery periods to meet target standard criteria.
4. Completed Job Sheet(s) applicable to the kind and class of animal.
5. Certification that the application meets NRCS Standards and Specifications for planned conservation practice and any component practices..
6. Document findings in the Conservation Assistance Notes, Conservation Plan of Operations, and if applicable, the Contract Support Document (the Contract Support Document may serve as the Conservation Plan of Operations in certain situations.
7. Progress reporting.
8. NRCS General Manual 450 Subpart B – Documentation and Certification, Subpart 407.10 as it pertains to prescribed grazing practice will be required in addition to the above.

REFERENCES

See references listed in Conservation Practice Standard