

STATEMENT OF WORK
GRAZING LAND MECHANICAL TREATMENT
CODE (548)

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; Range Seeding, 550; Prescribed Grazing, 528; Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, 645).
 - c. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop brush management plans including but not limited to:
 - i. Inventory of target specie(s) to be benefited.
 - ii. Kind of treatment.
 - iii. Current and potential production of vegetative specie(s) to be benefited.
 - iv. Reduction of forage availability during recovery period.
 - v. Duration and method of protecting treatment area from grazing specie(s).
 - vi. Grazing and recovery periods when flash grazing is recommended.
 - vii. 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. Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment job sheet(s);
 - ii. 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. Proper Grazing Use or Utilization Worksheet 528(5);
 - iv. Exhibit 5-2 Forage Inventory Worksheet or Livestock, Forage, and Feed Worksheet 528(3);
 - v. Exhibit 5-6 Prescribed Grazing Schedule Worksheet or Schedule Worksheet 528(6).
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 Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment 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 specie(s) to be benefited and treatment method standard criteria.
4. Completed Job Sheet(s) applicable to the benefiting specie(s).
5. Certification that the application meets NRCS Standards and Specifications 548 – Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment.
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 Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment will be required in addition to the above.

REFERENCES

See references listed in Conservation Practice Standard