

NRCS COLORADO COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN GUIDANCE

The coordinated resource management planning process can be effectively applied in practically any resource management situation. The end result of CRM is constructive natural resource problem-solving through cooperative planning and management. Although the CRM planning process can be used anytime there is a group of interested people who have the same resource objectives, a CRM plan (CRMP) will be required when the process has been requested by the landowner/operator, there is financial assistance to federal agencies (440-M-Part 525.22), or when the plan alternative has the potential to affect change in resource condition or management on the federal land associated with the private land. A CRMP involving a tribal authority and/or the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) may also be necessary in certain instances on tribal lands.

Note: Federal lands are the responsibility of the appropriate federal agency and are not inventoried, planned, or monitored by the NRCS unless the planning process is done with a representative of the federal agency. Technical assistance to federal agencies that will require a significant amount of NRCS resources will be based on an agreement that provides for reimbursement of NRCS services (440 M-Part 525.22).

The following information will serve to guide Colorado NRCS conservation planners in the development of a CRMP. **This document is meant to provide guidance on the format and the information that will be included in the CRMP document. Due to multiple stakeholders, format may vary.**

COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Ranch/Allotment Name- include common names by which the ranch is known

Coordinated Plan Participants – list stakeholders involved

- Colorado CRM Field Group
- Rancher or Land User
- Conservation District
- US Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Colorado State Land Board
- NRCS Field Office
- FSA County Office
- CO Parks and Wildlife
- USFWS
- Others

Description of Planning Area/Ranch and Location

- Provide ranch/permit location information

- Briefly describe the ranching operation (cow/calf, stocker, etc.)
- Provide any other information that the CRMP participants felt was important during the planning process

Land Status

Management/Lease	Acreage
Private controlled	
Private uncontrolled	
BLM	
CO State Land Board	
USFS	
Other Federal	
Tribal	
Other	
Total	

Benchmark Condition

- Identify and discuss all resource concerns identified during the ranch/allotment inventory
- Reference documentation source for resource concerns
- Discuss, if known, how conditions got to what they are

Goals

Examples:

- Maintain or improve species composition, diversity, and structure for the desired plant communities needed to protect the land and support the planned land uses
- Provide adequate vegetative cover and litter to improve water quality, capture precipitation, prevent accelerated erosion and run-off, and provide adequate cover for wildlife
- Maintain the long-term health and diversity of wildlife populations
- Maintain a self-sustaining economically feasible ranching operation

Objectives

Examples:

- Implement prescribed grazing which provides grazing and restoration periods in each management unit which will allow grazed plants to regrow, regain vigor, produce seed, and establish new plants when climatic conditions are favorable
- Install fencing and water developments as needed to improve timing and distribution of livestock grazing

- Establish permanent monitoring sites in each management unit to monitor long term plant community to determine if plant community goals are being achieved

Plan/Schedule of Improvements

- List and describe the structural conservation practices, vegetative improvements, and/or other management activities which will be implemented as part of the coordinated plan
- Include who is responsible for design, environmental clearances, practice certification
- Include agreed to date of completion
- Include who/how the plan will be funded and who will install the practices
- Include operation and maintenance responsibility
- Briefly discuss how the plan/schedule of operations will obtain the desired benefits
- Where appropriate, correlate NRCS contract item number (CIN) with agency practice improvement identifier/name

Alternatives

- Discuss any alternative conservation plans considered during the planning process.

Prescribed Grazing Plan (where applicable, if the planning area is grazed, documentation of the grazing plan should be included)

Authorized Use (when applicable)

Current authorized use on the ranch is for a total of _____ Animal Units Yearlong (AU/YL) or _____ Animal Unit Months broken down as follows:

Controlled Private	AUMs	AU/YL
BLM	AUMs	AU/YL
USFS	AUMs	AU/YL
CO State Land Board	AUMs	AU/YL
Other	AUMs	AU/YL

Planned Livestock Use (when applicable)

Type of herbivore	AU	Planned Number	Planned Months/Year	AUMs
Cows	1.0			
Bulls	1.35			
Yearlings	0.6			
Horses	1.25			

Plan Approval

We, the undersigned, have participated in the development of the CRMP, concur with the plan and those responsibilities assigned to us, and will act to implement it to the best of our ability.

Name	Agency	Date