

Illinois STATEMENT OF WORK Prescribed Grazing (528)

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Design documents that demonstrate that the criteria in the practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan, grazing plan, and/or 528 job sheet.
 - b. List of facilitating practices as identified in the conservation plan and/or grazing plan.
 - c. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses (as found in the inventory worksheet, Graze4 excel spreadsheet, soils inventory worksheet, grazing plan, 528 job sheet, or other similar documentation) to develop grazing management plans including but not limited to:
 - i. Resource and forage inventories
 - ii. livestock-forage balance
 - iii. Grazing criteria
 - iv. Drought criteria
 - v. season of use
 - vi. intensity, frequency and duration of use
 - vii. length of rest periods
 - viii. grazing heights for when to begin and when to end grazing
 - ix. acreage
 - x. Stockpiled forages, annuals, or residues used to extend the grazing season
2. Written grazing plan and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice.
3. Identify fields where the practice is to be applied on a farm or ranch plan map.
4. Specification/job sheet provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to apply the practice.
5. Operation and maintenance plan.
6. Certification that the Grazing Management Plan meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.
7. Modifications made during installation as required

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Conference with client to discuss the final grazing plan and associated documents
2. Practice application assistance
3. Facilitate and implement required plan modifications with client and original/current planner
4. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during implementation
5. Certification that the practice application process meets the requirements outlined in the grazing management plan.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application – Completed IL-528-1 Grazing Management Record or grazing record with like information.
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits
3. Exit conference with client and contractor
4. Progress reporting

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REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Prescribed Grazing-528, Graze 4 excel spreadsheet, soils grazing inventory worksheet, inventory worksheet, sample grazing plan, sample recordkeeping document, and 528 Job Sheet
- National Range and Pasture Handbook
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook