

**STATEMENT OF WORK**  
**Prescribed Grazing (528)**  
**Montana**

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These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work. Planners shall follow and document all the requirements as outlined in the practice standard. The planner shall also follow the specification and job sheet requirements for the practice. Documentation and certification requirements for the practice are also outlined in the NRCS 450-General Manual, Part 407, Documentation, Certification and Spot Checking, MT407.10. This is located on the Montana eFOTG site at [http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/MT/GM\\_450\\_Part\\_407.pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/MT/GM_450_Part_407.pdf)

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## DESIGN

### Deliverables:

1. 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 required permits to be obtained by the client.
  - c. List of facilitating practices.
  - d. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop grazing management plans including, but not limited to:
    - i. Resource and forage inventories
    - ii. Forage-animal balance
    - iii. Grazing plans
    - iv. Monitoring plan
    - v. Contingency plan

See Prescribed Grazing Design and Installation Guide for guidance on conducting resource inventories (vegetative, animal, physical), developing the animal-forage balance, grazing plan, monitoring plan and contingency plan.
2. Written plans and specifications including drawings and details shall be provided to the client that adequately describe the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Identify fields where the practice will be applied on a farm, or attach the ranch plan map.
4. Specification sheet provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to apply the practice and obtain necessary permits. Include the Prescribed Grazing specification worksheet and jobsheet.
5. Operation and maintenance plan.
6. Certification that the Grazing Management Plan meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations. Include the following worksheets as applicable:
  - a. Similarity Index, Trend, and Health Worksheet (MT-ECS-2)
  - b. Pastureland Inventory Worksheet(s) (MT-ECS-116)
  - c. Grazing Lands Inventory Summary Sheet (MT-CPA-18A)
  - d. Forage-Animal Balance Worksheets (MT-CPA-18, MT-CPA-18B)
  - e. Proper Grazing Use (MT-ECS-414)
  - f. Monitoring Plan Worksheet (MT-ECS-118)
  - g. Detailed Grazing Plan or Schedule
  - h. Contingency Plan
7. Design modifications during installation as required

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## INSTALLATION

### Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits and understands the final designed practice.
3. Application assistance.
4. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
5. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during implementation.
6. Certification that the application process and materials meets grazing management plan and permit requirements.

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## **CHECK OUT**

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### **Deliverables**

1. Records of application
  - a. Extent of practice units applied
  - b. Map showing location of practice units applied
  - c. Utilization check for rangeland and pasturelands recorded on the appropriate form:
    - i. Proper Grazing Use (MT-ECS-414)
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.  
Include:
  - i. Grazing schedule.
  - ii. Monitoring Worksheets (MT-ECS-118) showing initial and subsequent monitoring results.
  - iii. Proper Grazing Use worksheets (MT-ECS-414).
  - iv. Contingency plan.
3. Exit conference with client and contractor.
4. Record practice application according to NRCS policy.

## **REFERENCES**

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- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Prescribed Grazing-528.
- USDA-NRCS National Range and Pasture Handbook (2003).
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook.
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook.