

STATEMENT OF WORK
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548)
Issued May 28, 2004
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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. Compliance with NRCS national and state utility safety policy (NEM part 503-Safety, Section 503.00 through 503.22).
 - d. List of facilitating practices (i.e. Range Planting).
 - e. Practice standard criteria related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Type of mechanical treatment to be applied
 - ii. Site preparation requirements
 - iii. Description of desired plant community
 - iv. Provisions for adequate rest from grazing
 - v. Provisions for erosion control
 - vi. Acceptable soil moisture levels for practice application
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Operation and maintenance plan.
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Design modifications during installation as required.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables:

1. Pre-application conference with client and contractor.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Installation inspection.
 - a. Actual materials used
 - b. Inspection records
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during application.
7. Certification that the application process and materials meets design and permit requirements.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables:

1. Records of application
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits
 3. Record progress reporting according to NRCS policy..
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REFERENCES

- Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Grazingland Mechanical Treatment - 548
- National Engineering Manual, Utility Safety Policy
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook