



Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM37 – Prescriptive Grazing Management System for Grazed Lands (includes CRP grass/legume or tree covered acres converted to grazed lands)

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)

Additional State Criteria and State Clarifications for Nebraska

1. **Grazing Management Plan:** Implementation of this enhancement requires development and implementation of a written prescribed grazing plan that identifies the grazing unit(s) and acres to be deferred each year. The grazing plan will be designed to address the following:
 - A. The recommended utilization level and harvest efficiency for rangeland outlined in Table 1 of the Nebraska NRCS Prescribed Grazing Specifications ([528S](#)) should be used as appropriate.
 - B. The grazing intensity and frequency outlined in Tables 1 and 2 of the Nebraska NRCS Prescribed Grazing Specifications ([528S](#)) will allow for the appropriate residual forage heights by pasture species.
 - C. Pastures/paddocks that are grazed multiple times should given adequate time for recovery between grazing periods. Grazing schedules should allow for recovery based on Nebraska NRCS Prescribed Grazing Specifications ([528S](#)), Table 2.
 - D. Full Grazing Season is defined as April 1 through October 31.
 - E. Rangeland (and planted grass managed as rangeland) will typically be a once-through grazing system, while planted pastures (introduced or native species) may be grazed more than once depending on residual height.
 - F. Flash grazing during the deferment period is allowed in riparian buffer areas, but cannot exceed the following timeframes and must still conform to applicable utilization levels or residual forage heights:
 - a. Maximum of 7 days during the mid-Summer months of June, July and August.
 - b. Maximum of 10 days during other months of deferment.

2. **Wildlife Management Objectives:** The grazing management plan will also address the wildlife management objectives. The primary nesting and fawning season is May 1 through July 15. Most grazing management plans using this enhancement will include one or more of the following groups of targeted wildlife species:
 - A. Grassland-dependent Birds – including some species that prefer taller, denser structure such as Henslow’s sparrow, short-eared owl, long-billed curlew, chestnut-collared longspur, loggerhead shrike, and Sprague’s pipit.
 - B. Upland Game Birds – including species of national interest that need undisturbed nesting habitat such as Northern bobwhite quail, greater prairie chicken, and plains sharp-tailed grouse.
 - C. Pollinators – including butterfly species that occupy grasslands such as Iowa skipper, married underwing, Whitney underwing, Ottoe skipper, and regal fritillary.

Additional Criteria for Silvopasture - Assistance from a qualified wildlife biologist or NRCS staff with adequate job approval authority for wildlife habitat is required to conduct the habitat inventory and develop the management plan for the target species, including any necessary items listed under Silvopasture Criteria #2 on the national enhancement job sheet. An [NE-CPA-14](#) Wildlife Development/Management Plan may be used to document these items.

3. **Watering Facilities:** Refer to ANM38 State Addendum for additional requirements and documentation.



Identify wildlife management objectives: _____

Identify targeted wildlife species or group of species: _____

Complete the Table below, as needed for habitat management activities other than grazing:

TABLE 2 – WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES							
To Be Completed by NRCS					To Be Completed by Producer During Certification		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Tract	Field	Planned Acres	Proposed Activity	Approximate Timeframe	Applied Acres	Applied Activity	Date Applied
<i>EX.101</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>Cleared understory of encroaching Eastern red cedar</i>	<i>March of 2013</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>Cut red cedar and disposed of brush piles</i>	<i>April of 2013</i>

EX= EXAMPLE; NRCS COMPLETES COLUMNS 1-5; PRODUCER COMPLETES COLUMN 6-8

Documentation Requirements (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)

1. Provide map detailing rangeland, pastureland, cropland and forestland fields and acres, tank locations, and fences. Identify the fences on the map which have been converted to wildlife friendly fences.
2. Attach a management plan that includes grazing plan and wildlife habitat plan.
 - a. The grazing plan should include grazing schedule (planned in and out dates for each pasture for each year of the contract and planned year of deferment for each grazed field), stocking rate and forage balance. Forms for the grazing schedule, stocking rate and forage balance may be found in the [Nebraska prescribed grazing tool](#) or equivalent. Complete Table 1 above.
 - b. The wildlife management plan that includes the targeted species or group of species, required habitat inventory and management activities planned/applied to improve habitat. (SEE ABOVE TABLE 2)
3. Attach ANM38 State Addendum and all associated required documentation.
4. Attach ANM27 State Addendum and all associated required documentation.

I certify that the enhancement criteria have been met and the required documentation provided to NRCS.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____