



Soil Quality Enhancement Activity – SQL19 – Management for rangeland soil health

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)

Additional State Criteria and State Clarifications

1. Implementation of this enhancement **requires** a completed Rangeland Health Assessment by a qualified Range Management Consultant (CRMC) or Professional in Range Management (PRM). The Society for Range Management is the certifying organization for both CRMC and PRM. A list of CRMC and PRM can be found at:
http://www.rangelands.org/education_cert_professionals.shtml

2. A prescribed grazing plan will be developed to address attributes found to have a departure from the reference condition of greater than “none to slight”.
 - a. Monitoring methods will be selected to evaluate progress of the indicators with the highest departure from the reference condition.
 - b. The grazing plan will address all elements of prescribed grazing found in Nebraska NRCS Prescribed Grazing practice specifications ([528S](#)). The grazing plan will be developed using the [Nebraska Prescribed Grazing Design Tool](#) or equivalent format that addresses all elements of prescribed grazing.

Documentation Requirements (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)

Example Data Collection Form For Key Forage Plant Heights Before and After Grazing

Tract Number(s)	Field Number(s)	Key Forage Plant(s)	Livestock In Date	Key Plant Height Before Grazing	Livestock Out Date	Key Plant Height After Grazing

I certify that the following information meets specifications and have been provided to NRCS:

1. Prescribed grazing plan that addresses the criteria listed for this enhancement, Nebraska Prescribed Grazing Jobsheet (NE-ECS-528) found in the [Nebraska Prescribed Grazing Design Tool](#) or equivalent.
2. Records of livestock grazing dates and utilization rates (above form or equivalent; photographs may be used to document utilization rather than written records).
3. Copy of the Rangeland Health Assessment completed by a SRM certified CRMC or CPRM.



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Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____