

Instructions

Apparent Trend Worksheet

NE-ECS-12

Instructions for use of NE-ECS-12

Complete all appropriate blanks for cooperator, date, conservationist, pasture name/number, ecological site, *trend type, reference plant community, current year precipitation, and GPS coordinates.

Pasture Name: Enter the name of the pasture.

Pasture Number: Enter the pasture number as listed on the aerial photo or map.

GPS Location: Use at least one of the methods for identifying where the site is located as precisely as possible. Sec. (Section), T (Township) R (Range); if this method is used, be sure to mark the location in the section in the box provided. UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator); this will likely be from a GPS unit. Long. (Longitude) and Lat. (Latitude); this will also likely be from a GPS unit; however, if determined from a topographic map, attempt to determine degrees, minutes, and seconds for both longitude and latitude. monitoring plan.

The quality and trend of the rangeland resources will be determined at the key area(s). Apparent trend documentation can be recorded on [Apparent Range Trend Worksheet, \(NE-ECS-12\)](#). A rangeland health assessment can be recorded on [Rangeland Health Evaluation Worksheet, \(NE-ECS-11\)](#).

*When making trend estimates, always compare present conditions to what can be expected to be found in the plant community that you are comparing present conditions to; either the historic or interpretive plant community (Rangeland Trend) or one of the other plant communities (Planned Trend) described in the ecological site description. Take into consideration current weather conditions and it's impact on plant growth and other plant related attributes.

Support References

Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Prescribed Grazing, 528
<http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/NE/NE528.pdf>

Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Design Procedures Prescribed Grazing, 528DP
<http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/NE/NE528DP.pdf>

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