

Instructions

Grazing Lands Monitoring Plan & Key Area Documentation

NE-ECS-8

Instructions for use of NE-ECS-8

Complete all appropriate blanks for client name, conservationist, date, long term management objective, short term management objective, long term monitoring objective, and short term monitoring objective.

Key Area #: Enter the Key area number.

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.

Photo Information:

- **Date of Photo:** Enter the date the photograph was taken.
- **Time:** Enter the time of day the photograph was taken.
- **Photographer:** Enter the name of the photographer who took the photo.
- **Pasture Name:** Enter the name of the pasture.
- **Pasture Number:** Enter the pasture number as listed on the aerial photo or map used when completing the monitoring plan.
- **Transect/Photo Bearing (°):** Enter the bearing in degrees.
- **Transect/Photo Direction:** Enter the direction photographer is facing.

To paste a photograph into a document, do one of the following:

- In the Microsoft Word document-Insert Key Area photograph here. Select *Insert-Object>Create from file* and browse to the file where photo is stored. Select *Insert-OK*. Resize the photo by selecting the corner editing circles and shape to fit cell.
- In Adobe Acrobat 6.0 Standard Select the Snapshot tool, and drag a marquee within the PDF photograph to copy the image. Open this PDF document that you want to paste the photograph. Chose Edit > Paste command to paste the copied selection directly into the target document. Drag the photograph image to move it, or drag one of its handles to resize it to fit.

Photo Monitoring: A photographic record is a qualitative method for documenting short-term and long-term effects of the prescribed grazing plan. As a minimum, a photo point will be established in the first year of conservation plan implementation at a key grazing area. Photos should be re-taken on a schedule planned with the land manager and recorded in [Monitoring Plan Worksheet, \(NE-ECS-8\)](#). A key area photo point from the first year and last year of plan implementation will be inserted into the *Prescribed Grazing Jobsheet, (NE-ECS-528)*. For further guidance, see [Tech Note 16, Establishing Photo Points for Grazing Land Monitoring](#).

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>

Tech Note 16, Establishing Photo Points for Grazing Land Monitoring
http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/NE/NE_TECH_NOTE_16.pdf

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