

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Business I.D.: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Operator: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ Field No(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contract No./Revision No. : \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Item No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Field Office: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Background Conservation Plan/Casefile Information** is documentation that is gathered or prepared by the conservation planner during the first 7 steps of the conservation planning process (refer to the NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH) for details). This information should be included in the client's casefile. While information within a client's casefile is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the client may sign a waiver which would allow access of this material to a Technical Service Provider or other interested party as designated by the client.

**Practice Design, Installation and Checkout Requirements** are documentation deliverables that apply to the individual practice. Design, Installation and Checkout are categories of technical assistance which can be completed and submitted separately for certification.

**Use of this Form:** This form will be used as a checklist for verification of practice design, installation and checkout deliverables. Checked items are required to be documented.

**Documentation submittal:** Submit this form along with completed documentation deliverables as indicated for each category of technical assistance to NRCS. All documentation must be provided before work can be submitted for payment.

**References:** Nebraska NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) ([http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx?map=NE](http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=NE)), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard 528, Prescribed Grazing; NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH, Amend NE4); NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook; NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook.

CONSERVATION PLAN/CASEFILE INFORMATION NEEDED:

- Client's objectives (assistance notes)
- Resource inventory (NE-CPA-52 or equivalent)
- Conservation plan for the treatment unit (NE-CPA-68 or equivalent)
- Location (Map or photo including legal description)
- Soil Survey Information
- Purpose of the practice (List all that apply/design must account for these purpose(s)): \_\_\_\_\_
- Prescribed Grazing general practice requirements, including records to be kept, jobsheets to be utilized, etc.

**Check the box(s) to indicate supporting practices needed to facilitate Prescribed Grazing (refer to the conservation plan for the more information):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 314 Brush Management<br><input type="checkbox"/> 382 Fence<br><input type="checkbox"/> 550 Range Planting<br><input type="checkbox"/> 595 Integrated Pest Management<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water Development (various practices) _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify by practice code) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> 338 Prescribed Grazing<br><input type="checkbox"/> 512 Forage and Biomass Planting<br><input type="checkbox"/> 643 Restoration and Management of Declining Habitat<br><input type="checkbox"/> 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management |
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DESIGN DELIVERABLES: (Provide copies/verification/documentation for each deliverable to NRCS)

**(Refer to FOTG Sec. IV, 528; NRPH, NPPH w/ State supplements, Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet No. 14)**

- Domestic livestock and/or wildlife inventory (NE-ECS-528, found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool)
- If Rangeland: Maps that identify ecological sites and key grazing areas (on plan map or separate ecological site map).  
 Optional: Identify existing plant community or similarity index.  
 When ecological site descriptions are not available, maps that identify range sites/range condition, and key area locations (on plan map or separate range site map).
- If Pastureland: Maps that identify Forage Suitability Group (FSG), species (optional) and key grazing areas (FSG map or plan map).
- Forage Inventory (NE-ECS-528, found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool)
- Forage balance (NE-ECS-528, found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool)
- Ecological/Range sites identified (NE-CPA-17, found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool, or equivalent)  
*When ecological site descriptions are not available:* Range Condition rating noted and mapped (NE-CPA-17, found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool, or equivalent)

STATEMENT OF WORK  
Prescribed Grazing



- Grazing Schedule (NE-ECS-528, found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool, or equivalent)
- Suggested initial stocking rate (NE-ECS-528, found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool and NE-CPA-17, found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool or equivalent)
- Key grazing area and plants identified (NE-ECS-414 found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool)
- Planned Utilization Levels (NE-ECS-414, found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool)
- Monitoring plan:  
For Rangeland (minimum): Short term monitoring: NE-ECS-414 found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool; Long term NE-ECS-12 found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool.  
For Pastureland (minimum): Short term monitoring: NE-ECS-414 found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool; Long term NE-ECS-13 found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool)
- Drought or contingency plan (found in NE Prescribed Grazing Design Tool, modified as needed)
- All activities are conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). All Special Environmental Concerns listed on NE-CPA-52 will be evaluated during all phases of work. **If environmental concerns arise during design, installation or checkout, NRCS must be contacted for consultation prior to proceeding.** If concerns are found, NRCS will certify NEPA compliance by signature on NE-CPA-52, prior to commencing design or installation of the practice.
- When cropland fields that will be planted to perennial vegetation are the only grazed fields on which 528 is being planned, NE-ECS-528-Cover Crops will satisfy the forage inventory, livestock inventory, forage balance, planned utilization LEVELS and monitoring plan.
- When cropland fields planted to grazed cover crops are the only grazed fields on which 528 is being planned, NE-ECS-528-Cover Crops will satisfy the forage inventory, livestock inventory, forage balance, planned utilization levels and monitoring plan.
- When crop residue on cropland fields are the only fields on which 528 is being planned, use the UNL [Cornstalk Grazing Calculator](#) to document requirements of prescribed grazing.
- Narrative statements verifying that other Considerations from NE NRCS FOTG 528 Standard have been addressed: (attach additional sheets, as needed): \_\_\_\_\_
- Operation and Maintenance requirements described in the NE NRCS FOTG 528 Standard are provided to the client (copy to NRCS).
- Verification of client review/concurrence with the design (date reviewed): \_\_\_\_\_
- Verification that applicable permits are obtained (prior to installation) and applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations are adhered to, including setbacks, utilities, safety and zoning regulations.

INSTALLATION DELIVERABLES: (Provide copies/verification/documentation for each deliverable to NRCS, including job sheets referenced under the Design Deliverables or equivalent documentation)

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- Operation and Maintenance requirements reviewed with the client (date reviewed): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Review Prescribed Grazing with the client or contractor (date reviewed): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Record any relevant correspondence with the client or contractor.
  - Field boundaries staked for each Prescribed Grazing treatment.
  - Modifications to the design during installation of Prescribed Grazing plan (include basis).
  - Oversight of the practice installation/application (record pertinent notes).
  - Advise the client and NRCS of any environmental compliance, resource or regulatory issues that arise during installation and discontinue installation until resolved. All activities are conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). All Special Environmental Concerns listed on NE-CPA-52 will be evaluated during all phases of work. **If environmental concerns arise during design, installation or checkout, NRCS must be contacted for consultation prior to proceeding.** If concerns are found, NRCS will certify NEPA compliance by signature on NE-CPA-52, prior to commencing design or installation of the practice.

**COMMENTS:** Use this space for installation notes or explanation of unchecked items (attach additional pages as needed):

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**CHECK OUT DELIVERABLES** (Provide copies/verification/documentation for each deliverable to NRCS)

- Provide records that Prescribed Grazing plan was installed according to specifications including completed job sheets & required recordkeeping.
- Progress reporting completed in Performance Results System (PRS):

Amount applied: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reported by Whom: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:**

I have completed a review of the technical assistance documentation submitted for this practice and certify that NRCS Standards and Specifications are met and all applicable laws and regulations are complied with.

Design  Installation  Checkout (Check each category of documentation submitted with this certification)

Certified by: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Representing: \_\_\_\_\_