

Practice: 528 - Prescribed Grazing

Scenario: #1 - Pasture Standard

Scenario Description:

Design and implementation of a grazing system that will enhance pasture condition and ecosystem function as well as optimize efficiency and economic return through monitoring (ex:photo points, stubble height after grazing, etc) & record keeping.

Associated Practices: Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Control (315), Pond (378), Fence (382), Access Control (472), Forage and Biomass Planting (512), Pipeline (516), Spring Development (574), Animal Trails and Walkways (575), Stream Crossing (578), Nutrient Management (590), Feed Management (592), Watering Facility (614), Water Well (642).

Before Situation:

Current grazing system exhibits undesirable and inefficient use of forage plants and such use may have a negative impact on pasture condition, as well as soil and water resources. Stocking rates are likely higher than the current level of production and efficiency of use can support without management changes. There is currently no monitoring plan in place to evaluate change on the landscape.

After Situation:

Prescribed grazing system is designed to protect the health and vigor of the plant communities that are in place. Livestock are managed in a way that enhances pasture condition and function through protection of sensitive areas, and efficient harvest of forage resources. Grazing system success will be evaluated through short term monitoring.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of grazed pasture

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 40

Scenario Cost: \$1,279.29

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$31.98

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Acquisition of Technical Knowledge						
Training, Workshops	294	Educational seminar or series of meetings emphasizing interaction and exchange of information among a usually small number of participants.	Each	\$41.42	1	\$41.42
Equipment/Installation						
Rangeland/grassland field monitoring kit	967	Miscellaneous tools needed to complete rangeland/grassland monitoring. Materials may include camera, clippers, plot frame, scale, tape measure, etc. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$43.67	1	\$43.67
Labor						
Skilled Labor	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$39.38	14	\$551.32
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$22.96	28	\$642.88

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Scenario: #2 - Pasture Intensive

Scenario Description:

Design and implementation of a grazing system that will enhance pasture condition and ecosystem function as well as optimize efficiency and economic return through monitoring (ex: trend, composition, production, etc), record keeping.

Associated Practices: Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Control (315) Pond (378), Fence (382), Access Control (472), Forage and Biomass Planting (512), Pipeline (516), Spring Development (574), Animal Trails and Walkways (575), Stream Crossing (578), Nutrient Management (590), Feed Management (592), Watering Facility (614), Water Well (642).

Before Situation:

Current grazing system exhibits undesirable and inefficient use of forage plants and such use may have a negative impact on pasture condition, as well as soil and water resources. Stocking rates are likely higher than the current level of production and efficiency of use can support without management changes. There is currently no monitoring plan in place to evaluate change on the landscape.

After Situation:

Prescribed grazing system is designed to protect the health and vigor of the plant communities that are in place. Livestock are managed in a way that enhances pasture condition and function through proper rest and recovery periods, protection of sensitive areas, proper utilization, and efficient harvest of forage resources. Grazing system success will be evaluated through long term monitoring.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of grazed pasture

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 40

Scenario Cost: \$2,730.09

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$68.25

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Acquisition of Technical Knowledge						
Training, Workshops	294	Educational seminar or series of meetings emphasizing interaction and exchange of information among a usually small number of participants.	Each	\$41.42	1	\$41.42
Training, Registration Costs	296	Conference Registration Fees	Each	\$133.62	1	\$133.62
Equipment/Installation						
Rangeland/grassland field monitoring kit	967	Miscellaneous tools needed to complete rangeland/grassland monitoring. Materials may include camera, clippers, plot frame, scale, tape measure, etc. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$43.67	1	\$43.67
All terrain vehicles, ATV	965	Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Hour	\$30.03	18	\$540.54
Labor						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$45.14	16	\$722.24
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$22.96	45	\$1,033.20
Materials						
Nutritional Balance Analyzer, fecal sample analysis only	1127	NIRS fecal analysis, animal performance report. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$35.90	6	\$215.40

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Scenario: #3 - Pasture Deferment

Scenario Description:

Defer the pasture for 90 days and up to a growing season to manage for invasive weeds when necessary, to improve the health of the plants and/or provide nesting habitat for wildlife species. Keep records of dates out and monitor to determine when desired objectives of deferment are met. Associated

Practices: Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Control (315) Fence (382), Access Control (472), Forage and Biomass Planting (512), Nutrient Management (590), Feed Management (592), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645).

Before Situation:

Over-grazed pasture, a pasture with a low condition score, or a newly established pasture converted from cropland with a need for proper grazing management.

After Situation:

Improve the health and vigor of the sward, through deferment of grazing and improve the nesting habitat for wildlife.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of pasture deferred

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 100

Scenario Cost: \$3,033.77

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$30.34

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Rangeland/grassland field monitoring kit	967	Miscellaneous tools needed to complete rangeland/grassland monitoring. Materials may include camera, clippers, plot frame, scale, tape measure, etc. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$43.67	1	\$43.67
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$36.36	5	\$181.80
Trucking, moving livestock to new paddock	961	Livestock transportation costs to implement a grazing rotation using a gooseneck trailer 6'8" x 24'. Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Mile	\$4.84	25	\$121.00
Foregone Income						
FI, Grazing AUMs	2079	Grazing is the Primary Land Use	AUM	\$15.29	150	\$2,293.50
Labor						
Skilled Labor	230	Labor requiring a high level skill set: Includes carpenters, welders, electricians, conservation professionals involved with data collection, monitoring, and or record keeping, etc.	Hour	\$39.38	10	\$393.80

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Scenario: #4 - Targeted Grazing

Scenario Description:

Management of woody non-herbaceous plant species through the use of livestock that are closely herded to concentrate grazing on targeted shrubs. Animals graze for up to 21 days. Grazing may be repeated in subsequent years as needed. Typical area is moderate rolling to gentle sloping, moderately deep to deep soils that have dense stands of woody non-herbaceous species that exceed the desirable ecological site condition. This scenario is an alternative for organic producers.

Associated Practices: Early Successional Habitat Development and Management (647), Restoration of Rare and Declining Habitats (643), Shallow Water Development and Management (646), Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)

Before Situation:

Area consist of dense stands of woody non-herbaceous species that exceed the desirable ecological site condition degrading forage quality, promoting noxious and invasive species, increasing risk of soil erosion and degrading wildlife habitat.

After Situation:

Woody species are grazed to limit the regrowth of shrubs and achieve a desirable plant community based on species composition, structure, density, and canopy cover or height. Ecological site condition is progressing in an upward trend, hydrology and plant health and vigor is returning to near normal levels.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area treated

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 5

Scenario Cost: \$2,038.75

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$407.75

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Materials						
Animals used for biological weed control	1130	Goats, Llamas, Sheep - Includes all support: fence, water, dog, mob, etc. Includes materials and shipping only.	Head per day	\$11.65	175	\$2,038.75