

PRESCRIBED GRAZING (528) CONSERVATION PRACTICE DOCUMENTATION WORKSHEET

NATIVE OR SEEDED RANGELAND

OPERATING UNIT: _____ LOCATION: _____

FARM/RANCH NO.: _____ TRACT: _____ FIELD(S): _____ JOB APPROVAL CLASS: _____

CONTRACT NO. | ITEM NO.: _____ | _____ ACRES: _____

NRCS TECHNICIAN: _____ DATE: _____

This practice applies on rangeland, grazed forestland, wildlife land, or other natural landscapes where the principle method of vegetation management will be with herbivores.

PURPOSE (check one or more of the purposes listed below)

- Improve or maintain the health and vigor of selected plant(s) and to maintain a stable and desired plant community,
- Provide or maintain food, cover, and shelter for animals of concern,
- Maintain or improve animal health and productivity,
- Maintain or improve water quality and quantity,
- Control accelerated soil erosion and maintain or improve soil productivity,
- Attain grazing and management efficiency to promote economic stability and meet resource improvement objectives.

INVENTORY

FORAGE INVENTORY:

Form NV-ECS-01 is used to record estimates of rangeland ecological site/reference plant community species composition (by weight), document usable forage production, determine Similarity Index, and to evaluate *rangeland* or *planned* trend.

NV-ECS-01(s) (page 1): *In Case File*

RANGELAND HEALTH EVALUATIONS

NV-ECS-01(s) (page 2): *In Case File*

PRODUCTION DATA [ECS-RANGE-417]:

Not Available *In Case File*

PLANT GROWTH CURVES:

Not Available *In Case File*

OTHER (list): _____

Attached *In Case File*

THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES:

None *See Listing Below* *In Case File*

NOXIOUS OR POISONOUS PLANTS:

None *See Listing Below* *In Case File*

GRAZING MANAGEMENT

(If there are 2 or more grazing units [rangeland pastures], complete a Grazing Schedule Worksheet - see PLANNED GRAZING SYSTEM below)

LOCATION OF KEY AREAS IN EACH GRAZING UNIT IDENTIFIED ON PLAN MAP:

YES NO

KIND AND CLASS OF GRAZING ANIMALS AND NUMBER OF ANIMALS GRAZED:

KIND OF ANIMALS TO BE GRAZED	CLASS OF ANIMALS	NUMBER OF ANIMALS

TIMING AND LENGTH OF GRAZING PERIOD:

TIMING OF GRAZING USE	LENGTH OF GRAZING PERIOD

SUPPLEMENTAL FEED SUPPLIED GRAZING LIVESTOCK:

SUPPLEMENTAL FEED TYPE	FEED ALLOCATION PER HEAD/DAY

PLANNED GRAZING SYSTEM

A grazing schedule (if 2 or more grazing units) will be prepared to guide livestock movements and identify periods of grazing, deferment, rest, and other treatments for each grazing management unit.

Not Applicable *Attached* *In Case File*

Specify the number; the kind and class of animals to be grazed; the timing of use; and, the length of each grazing period for each pasture in the grazed unit.

Follow format as in Exhibit 1 of Prescribed Grazing practice specification.

FORAGE SUMMARY & ANIMAL INVENTORY

NV-ECS-04 RANCH PLANNING SUMMARY:

Forage Inventory *In Case File*
Livestock Inventory *In Case File*

NV-ECS-03 RANCH ORGANIZATION SUMMARY:

In Case File

GRAZING READINESS AND CRITICAL GROWTH PERIOD:

Listed Below Attached In Case File

PASTURE	KEY AREA	KEY SPECIES	GRAZING READINESS ^{1/} PLANT HEIGHT	or	GRAZING READINESS ^{1/} PHENOLOGICAL STAGE OF PLANT GROWTH	CRITICAL GROWTH PERIOD ^{2/}

^{1/}Grazing Readiness is a defined stage of plant growth at which grazing may begin under a specific management plan without permanent damage to vegetation or soil. ^{2/}Critical Growth Period is the interval in plant development from initiation of growth to seed set.

WILDLIFE FORAGE/BROWSE ALLOCATIONS BY PASTURE:

Listed Below Attached In Case File

PASTURE	WILDLIFE SPECIES	FORAGE or BROWSE ALLOCATION FOR WILDLIFE (lbs/ac)	CRITICAL WILDLIFE FOOD, COVER OR SHELTER REQUIREMENTS	SPECIAL HABITAT CONCERNS ^{3/}

^{3/}Special Habitat Concerns include specific wildlife habitat requirements such as strutting grounds, nesting, and brood rearing areas and fawning, kidding, or calving areas.

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

A plan to monitor and document impacts of grazing management is to be prepared. Includes completion of NRCS-RANGE-414 (and/or NRCS-RANGE-416); identification of photo point locations (if used) and record of trend (change) in plant community structure, species composition, and productivity as prescribed grazing is applied. Record actual grazing dates, climatic conditions, livestock stocking density; and livestock performance.

MONITORING PLAN: *Attached In Case File*
NRCS-RANGE-414: *Attached In Case File*
NRCS-RANGE -416: *Attached In Case File*
Not Appropriate

CONTINGENCY PLAN

If requested, a contingency plan that accounts for potential management problems (*i.e.*, drought) and a guide for adjusting the grazing prescription to insure resource protection will be developed.

Not requested Attached In Case File

PRACTICE CERTIFICATION

Practice specifications have been reviewed and practice application is *agreed to*:

Client: _____

Date: _____

I certify that the above practice has been applied and meets NRCS Practice Standards and Specifications.

NRCS Planner: _____

Date: _____