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Natural Resources Conservation Service

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National Supplement to Plant Enhancement Activity – PLT02 – Monitor key grazing areas to improve grazing management

State: _____

Participant: _____

Sage-grouse (SGI)

Additional criteria:

1. Key Areas and Monitoring Units:

A monitoring unit is the largest contiguous area with the same plant community potential (i.e., ecological site) that is expected to respond similarly to management changes.

Additional key areas will be identified based on the following:

- i) Riparian Areas
- ii) Diverse pasture – all ecological sites in the grazed area are highly susceptible to change in management and need to be monitored.
- iii) Sensitive species habitat.
- iv) Invasive species

Additional documentation required

- 1) The grazing plan must be developed in accordance with NRCS practice standard (528) Prescribed Grazing to ensure that stocking rate is in balance with forage supply, season of use is rotated to ensure plants have adequate reproduction opportunity, and rangeland is monitored to inform of adaptive management.
- 2) Photographs from fixed location points showing residual plant heights and ground cover. These photos should be taken annually within a fixed timeframe (i.e., in the fall after grazing or in the spring prior to nesting).

This enhancement will be implemented in accordance with the appropriate conservation measures as described in the Conference Report for the NRCS' Sage-Grouse Initiative.