

Range Enhancement Bundle –BRA05 (Addresses multiple resource concerns)



Enhancement Description

This bundle of enhancement activities includes: ANM09-Grazing management to improve wildlife habitat; ANM26-Managing calving to coincide with forage availability; WQL01-Biological suppression and other non-chemical techniques to manage brush, weeds and invasive species; WQL03-Rotation of supplement and feeding areas; WQL13-High level IPM to reduce pesticide environmental risk.

Land Use Applicability

Rangeland

Benefits

This bundle of enhancements is focused on activities that increase wildlife habitat, improve forage utilization and mitigate environmental risk associated with pesticide use. Implementing these activities together creates a synergy that should result in more conservation benefits than might be expected from the individual activities. Applicants that choose to implement this bundle of activities will receive an increase in ranking and activity points.

Conditions Where Enhancement Applies

This enhancement applies to all rangeland use acres.

Criteria

Bundle rules

1. All of the activities in the bundle must be implemented. However, if an applicant is already implementing 1 or 2 of the activities, they are still eligible for the bundle and only need to implement the remaining 3 or 4 activities.
2. Applicants will be required to install all enhancements in the bundle wherever they are needed on the applied area.
3. Other enhancements cannot be substituted for those in the bundles.
4. Applicants choose the acres of their operation where they want to implement the bundle. If the applicant chooses to implement the activity on only a portion of their operation, their ranking and performance points will be reduced proportionally.
5. The amount of the bundle that can be scheduled cannot exceed the most limiting individual “system” enhancement scheduled.

Follow the criteria in the respective enhancement activity sheets to implement each enhancement.



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For this bundle implement ANM09, ANM26, WQL01, WQL03 and WQL13 according to their respective criteria on all of the area selected for bundle application.

Adoption Requirements

This enhancement is considered adopted when rules # 1 and 2 from “Rules for Enhancement Activity Bundles” above have been fulfilled.

Documentation Requirements

Follow the documentation requirements in the respective enhancement activity sheets to document the implementation of each enhancement.

In addition, document the actual amount, fields and when each enhancement in the bundle is implemented:

Enhancement Activity	Amount (unit)	Field(s) Number or Name	Year Applied
ANM09			
ANM26			
WQL01			
WQL03			
WQL13			

North Dakota Requirements

ANM09: Deferment of grazing shall occur within the timeframe of May 15 to July 15. The grazing plan must meet NRCS Field Office Technical Guide standards and specifications for 528-Prescribed Grazing. The same area cannot be deferred in consecutive years.

ANM26: Calving should initiate on or after April 1.

WQL01: This enhancement may utilize goats, sheep, and/or beneficial insects only. Mechanical treatment may not be applied. The enhancement does not apply to native shrub communities and does not require prescribed grazing (528).

WQL03: This enhancement requires implementation of 528-Prescribed Grazing to meet requirements of the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide standards and specifications.

WQL13: This enhancement is applicable on cropland only. Producer must follow NDSU plan for specific crop. Please visit the following websites for additional information.

<http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/aginfo/ndipm/>

<http://www.ncipmc.org/>

<http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/OpenNonWebContent.aspx?content=29600.wba>