

RMS Alternatives for Grazinglands

GRAZING LANDS OBJECTIVE

Maintain an adequate forage base to meet the producer's objectives, yet maintain greater than 50% similarity to the potential or desired plant community, or an upward trend. Grazing will be managed to promote upland and riparian area health and function.

SUMMARY - RECOMMENDED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRAZING SYSTEM

SUMMARY - ALTERNATIVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRAZING SYSTEM

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR A RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON GRAZINGLANDS

The RMS **Prescribed Grazing Plan** will, at a minimum, require:

- 1) Planned use of herbaceous forage species will not exceed 50% of the current year's growth, unless higher utilization is accounted for by more intensive grazing rotations, and increased rest periods.
- 2) Livestock forage requirements, wildlife use and pest damage (if significant) will be balanced with forage availability.
- 3) Browsing of woody species shall not exceed 50% of annual leaf and twig growth.
- 4) Season of use on native rangeland shall be rotated annually, or during the cycle of the grazing rotation.
- 5) Dormant season grazing will not exceed 65% use on native rangeland.
- 6) Winter feed areas will be selected away from riparian areas. Manure will be spread or scattered if build-up is likely to cause contaminated run-off or inhibit plant growth. Stocking rates and time of use will be selected as needed to prevent physical damage to herbaceous and woody plant species.
- 7) Riparian areas and uplands will have an identified monitoring site and plan.
- 8) Contingency plan for the entire grazing unit.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICES THAT MAY BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE AN RMS ON GRAZINGLANDS

382–Fence
Water developments (various practices) _____

548–Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment

645–Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

443--Irrigation Water Management (in pastures only)

550–Range Planting

512–Pasture and Hay Planting

314–Brush Management

595–Pest Management

Other _____

See the CPA-52 for effects of the benchmark condition to the RMS Alternative, and/or selected Alternative if the RMS is not implemented.

NRCS has reviewed these RMS alternatives with me and I am aware of the practices needed to sustain or enhance my Grazingland.

Producer _____ **Date** _____