



## **PLT02 - Montana Supplement**

### **Monitoring Key Grazing Areas to Improve Grazing Management – (Plant Enhancement Activity)**

#### **Montana Clarification**

If the producer is currently not monitoring their grazing land, they are eligible for this enhancement. If the producer is currently monitoring their grazing land such as annual photo plots, the producer may be eligible if they choose to add a new and different grazing monitoring technique and use it to provide additional information to assist them with their grazing decisions.

#### **Montana Specifications:**

**1. Monitoring will include a photo for each pasture of key grazing area and use of one or more of the following techniques:**

**a. Plant productivity determinations**

**b. Measurements of key forage plant heights (before and after grazing) at least once per period**

**c. Locally applicable methods such as those described in “Monitoring for Grasslands, Shrublands and Savanna Ecosystems” available at**

**[http://usda-ars.nmsu.edu/monit\\_assess/monitoring.php](http://usda-ars.nmsu.edu/monit_assess/monitoring.php)**

#### **Incompatible Enhancements**

Some enhancements are not compatible with other enhancements. If you have a question, contact your local NRCS office.

#### **Eligible Land**

Pasture, range, or grazed forestland

#### **Applicable Amount**

Acres of pasture, rangeland, or grazed forestland

**Documentation Requirements**

1. A written grazing plan which meets **the NRCS 528 Prescribed Grazing Standard and Specifications**
2. A map showing the location of each key grazing area
3. Photographs from the photo point locations
4. Written documentation of the monitoring data collected
5. Written documentation of how monitoring data was used to adjust grazing management plans including modifications and objectives

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all that is required for the implementation of this CSP Enhancement Activity.

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Contract participant

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