

RMS Alternatives for Forestlands

FORESTLANDS OBJECTIVE

Manage timber harvest to optimize production in a manner that will allow for future growth and the harvest of mature trees.

SUMMARY - RECOMMENDED TIMBER MANAGEMENT AND, IF APPLICABLE, PLANNED GRAZING SYSTEM

SUMMARY - ALTERNATIVE TIMBER MANAGEMENT AND, IF APPLICABLE, PLANNED GRAZING SYSTEM

MINIMUM PRACTICES REQUIRED FOR FORESTLANDS

666 – Forest Stand Improvement

528 – Prescribed Grazing, if grazed

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIBED GRAZING

The **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 NEEDED TO COMPLETE FORESTLANDS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

655–Forest Trails and Landings

645–Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

384-Forest Slash Treatment

595–Pest Management

Water developments (various practices) _____

382–Fence

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 Forestland.

Producer _____ Date _____