



ANM22 - Montana Supplement

Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitat – (Animal Enhancement Activity)

Montana Clarification

- **To be eligible**
 - Range and Forest land type acres can be managed.
 - Crop and pasture land type acres will require seeding.
 - Haying will only be allowed on a limited basis during the seeding establishment period for weed control.

Montana Specifications

Seeding/planting mixtures and rates will be determined by the local NRCS Field Office. The following habitats, described in Conservation Practice Standard, Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats (Code 643), are eligible for this enhancement:

1. Fescue grasslands in western Montana valleys.
2. Sagebrush steppe in southwest and central Montana.
3. Old growth ponderosa pine forests in the Northern Rocky Mountains and Intermountain West.
4. Northern mixed grass prairie – Brown Glaciated Plains.
5. Northern mixed grass prairie – Northern Dark Brown Glaciated Plains.
6. Riparian forests.
7. Hardwood draws.
8. Glacial potholes.

At least three species of *native* grasses and/or sedges and two species of *native* forbs and one *native* shrub will be seeded/planted as appropriate for the site. These species will be selected from the applicable Ecological Site Description located in the Electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG).

For a more information on these habitat categories and appropriate species for seeding mixes, contact your local NRCS Field Office.

Incompatible Enhancements

This enhancement may not be contracted with the following enhancements:

For cropland: AIR03, AIR06, ANM08, ANM10, ANM21, ANM23, CCR99, PLT01, PLT08, SOE01, SOE03, SQL01, SQL02, SQL03, SQL04, SQL05, SQL06, WQL04, WQL06, WQL07, WQL08, WQL10, WQL11, WQL13, WQL14, WQL15, WQL16, WQL17, WQL20, WQL21, WQL22, WQT01, WQT02, WQT03, WQT04, WQT05, WQT06, ENR08, ENR09, PLT14, SQL08, WQT06

For pasture: ANM08, ANM21, ANM23, PLT01, PLT10, WQT06, ANM29, ANM30, ENR06, ENR09

For range: ANM22, ANM23, ANM29, ANM30, ENR09, PLT01, PLT10

For forest: ANM19, ANM20, ANM29, ANM30, ENR09, PLT01, PLT14

Eligible Land

Crop, pasture, range and forest

Applicable Amount

Acres of cropland, pasture, range or forest that have rare habitats.

Example (Actual)

NRCS will delineate the Rare and Declining Habitat acres. Applicable acres of crop, pasture, range, or forest designated as Rare and Declining Habitat. Applied acres are those designated acres the landowner chooses to restore. In this example 200 acres of Hardwood Draws has been determined by the NRCs and the land owner has chosen to restore 100 acres in year 2 of the contract. The applicable acres are 200 acres is the applicable acres and the applied acres are 100. The Toolkit plan would appear as the following:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
ANM22	0	100	0	0	0

Documentation Requirements

The landowner must document the restoration of rare and declining habit by providing :

- 1) A brief description of the actions taken.
- 2) The size of the area (acres).
- 3) Information on establishment of desired vegetation.
- 4) Delineation on a map or aerial photo the location of the restored habitat.

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

Contract participant

Date