

# Arizona NRCS Coordinated Resource Management Plan Guidance

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A Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) is required anytime Arizona NRCS Conservation Planners are assisting a client develop a conservation plan for a ranch that includes state, and/or federally managed lands within the boundaries of the ranching operation. A Coordinated Resource Management Plan involving a tribal authority and/or the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) may also be necessary in certain instances on tribal lands.

Note: Federal lands are the responsibility of the appropriate federal agency and are not inventoried, planned or monitored by the NRCS unless the planning process is done with a representative of the federal agency (180 GM-Part 409.4AZ). Technical assistance to Federal agencies that will require a significant amount of NRCS resources will be based on an agreement that provides for reimbursement of NRCS services (440 M-Part 525.22).

The following information will serve to guide Arizona NRCS Conservation Planners in the development of Coordinated Resource Management Plans. This document is meant to provide guidance on the format and the information that will be included in the CRMP document.

## Coordinated Resource Management Plan

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### Ranch/Allotment Name

- Include common names the ranch is known by.

### Coordinated Plan Participants

- Arizona CRM Field Group
- Rancher or Land User
- Conservation District
- Forest Service Ranger District
- Bureau of Land Management Area Office
- Arizona State Land Department Resource Area
- NRCS Field Office
- FSA County Office
- Arizona Game and Fish
- USFWS
- Others

### Description of Ranch and Location

- Provide ranch/permit location information
- Briefly describe the ranching operation (cow-calf, stocker, etc.)
- Provide any other information that the CRMP participants felt was important during the planning process.

## Land Status

Private Controlled	_____Acres
Private Uncontrolled	_____Acres
BLM	_____Acres
Forest Service	_____Acres
Other Federal	_____Acres
State	_____Acres
Tribal	_____Acres
Other	_____Acres
Total	_____Acres

## Benchmark Condition

- Identify and discuss all resource concerns identified during the ranch/allotment inventory.
- Reference documentation source for resource concerns.
- Discuss, if known, how things got to what they are.

## Goals

Examples:

- Maintain or improve species composition, diversity and structure for the desired plant communities needed to protect the land and support the planned land uses.
- Provide adequate vegetative cover to improve water quality, prevent accelerated erosion, prevent excess runoff, and provide adequate cover for wildlife.
- Maintain the long-term health and diversity of wildlife populations.
- Maintain a self sustaining economically feasible ranching operation.

## Objectives

Examples:

- Implement prescribed grazing which provides grazing and rest periods in each pasture that will allow grazed plants to re-grow, regain vigor, produce seed, and establish new plant when climatic conditions are favorable.
- Install fencing and water developments as needed to control timing and distribution of livestock grazing.
- Establish permanent monitoring sites in each pasture to monitor long term plant community to determine whether plant community goals are being achieved.

## Plan/Schedule of Improvements

- List and described the structural conservation practices, vegetative improvements, and/or other management activities that will be implemented as part of the coordinated plan.
- Include who is responsible for design, environmental clearances, practice certification
- Include agreed to date for completion
- Include who will fund and install the practices
- Include maintenance responsibility
- Briefly discuss how the plan/schedule of operations will obtain the desired benefits.
- Where appropriate correlate NRCS contract item number with agency practice improvement identifier or name.

## Alternatives

- Discuss any alternative conservation plans considered during the planning process.



## Monitoring Plan

Description of monitoring to be done and objectives

The participants in this coordinated resource management plan agree to participate in annual monitoring on the ranch.

Key Area	Pasture	Sec T R	Method

## Plan Approval

We, the undersigned, have participated in the development of the Coordinated Resource Management plan, concur with the plan and those responsibilities assigned to us, and will act to implement it to the best of our ability.

Name	Representing	Date

## **Attachments**

### **Plan Map**

Show existing and planned improvements on a plan map

- Pastures (including location of fencing, pasture number and name)
- Water developments
- Special improvements or activities (prescribed burns, brush control, seeding)

### **Resource Inventory Map**

Include

- Ecological Site and/or TES Map
- Identify location of resource concerns

### **Other Attachments**

- Pasture Inventory and Assessment Sheets for each pasture
- Ecological Site and/or TES Descriptions
- Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guides
- NRCS Environmental Evaluation for proposed plan

## **Additional Information Needed Prior to Practice Installation**

1. Practice Designs
2. FS environmental clearances on federal lands
3. NRCS Environmental Evaluation on non-federal lands
4. FS written approval to NRCS for installing practices on federal lands

## **Additional Information Needed Upon Completion of Practice**

1. Practice Measurement and Certification

## **Additional Information Needed Yearly**

1. Annual Status Reviews
2. Monitoring Summaries

# Pasture Inventory and Assessment

Complete this page for each pasture being planned.

Allotment \_\_\_\_\_

Pasture Number \_\_\_\_\_ Pasture Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pasture Acres \_\_\_\_\_

## Pasture Ownership Acres

Private Owned \_\_\_\_\_  
 Private Leased \_\_\_\_\_  
 Private Uncontrolled \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Trust \_\_\_\_\_

National Forest \_\_\_\_\_  
 BLM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Federal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Pasture Resource Assessment

Major Landforms	Bottom Soils (Along streams and washes)	Upland Soils (Slopes <15% )	Slope Soils (Slopes >15%)
Landform Acres			
<b>Identify (x) Resource Concerns Present in the Pasture by Major Landform</b>			
Soil Erosion			
Soil Condition			
Water Quality			
Water Quantity			
Water Distribution			
Water Runoff/Flooding			
Plant Composition			
Plant Structure/Cover			
Plant Productivity			
Wildfire Hazards			
Listed Plants			
Wildlife Populations			
Wildlife Habitat			
Animal Health			
Listed Animals			
Cultural Resources			

Provide a brief narrative describing the resource concerns identified above.

## Planned Practices

Show planned locations of structural practices on plan map

Practice	Amount	Year	Practice	Amount	Year
Prescribed Grazing (ac)			Water Catchment (no, ac)		
Fence (ft)			Storage Tank (no, gal)		
Pipeline (ft)			Trough (no, gal)		
Spring Development (no)			Pumping Plant (no)		
Pond (no, ac ft)			Use Exclusion (ac)		
Structure for Water Control (no)			Well		