

ANM09 - *Grazing management to improve wildlife habitat* *New Mexico Supplemental Criteria*

Criteria

- I. Defer one-third (33%) of the grazing land, during the primary nesting and fawning dates each year.
 - Primary nesting dates: defer April 15th through July 15th, *or*
 - Primary fawning dates: defer May 15th through August 15th.
- II. The grazing plan shall include:
 - a. wildlife management objectives for grazing land,
 - b. targeted wildlife species,
 - c. nesting or fawning dates for the targeted wildlife,
 - d. the location and number of acres to be deferred each year,
 - e. a schedule for the year of deferment, and
 - f. stocking rates that will allow proper forage utilization while maintaining proper plant heights that provide food and shelter for wildlife and maintain plant health.
 - The land to be deferred must provide adequate plant/residue cover for nesting and fawning cover, immediate prior to the deferment (April 1st).
 - Adequate plant/residue: 50% utilization by weight, or >40% utilization by height, will be achieved by the third year of the contract.
- III. If using silvopasture, contact the NM State Forester for guidance.

