

Conservation Grazing Management Plan Outline

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1. Introduction (summaries only)
 - a. Site Description and Ownership
 - b. History of Land Use and Management (summary focused on effects on the current landscape and targeted special resources)
2. Summary of Current Conditions Affected by Grazing or Other Management (natural resources and regional rangeland economy; summaries only--related to known or potential sites and characteristics [of habitats and physical sites] necessary for occurrence [or persistence], and management effects, based on new and existing assessments)
 - a. Fauna, Flora, Vegetation, including Special-Status Species and Natural Communities and Encroachment of Woody and Pest Plants
 - b. Geology, Special Physical Features, Soil, and Erosion
 - c. Hydrology, Surface Water Drainage, and Water Quality
 - d. Grazing Capacity
 - e. Fire Hazard
 - f. Infrastructure
 - g. Special Management Areas and Hazards
 - h. Opportunities to Integrate Grazing with the Regional Rangeland-Based Economy
3. Management Goals, Objectives, and Performance Standards
 - a. Ecosystem Health
 - b. Special Habitat or Feature Characteristics
 - c. Cooperation with Livestock Operator, Neighbors, Management Stakeholders, and Resource Users
4. Predicted Effects and Desired Conditions (how grazing, related management, non-grazing management, and operations affect the special resources; comparison of relative costliness and effectiveness of alternatives to improve and maintain habitat quality, ecosystem health, and other special resources)
 - a. Grazing and Related Management of Special Resources (including effects of grazing removal or continuation without grazing)
 - b. Non-Grazing Management of Special Resources
 - c. Alternative feasible management scenarios, including type of grazing animals, mowing/weed-whacking, recreation, and maintenance operations
 - d. Timeline of Management Requirements of Special Resources Affected by Grazing
5. Grazing and Related Management Prescriptions (recommended alternatives, and management activities to avoid because of potential harm to special resources)
 - a. Recommended Grazing Alternatives
 - b. Grazing and Other Management Units, Special Habitat Fields
 - c. Grazing and Other Management Prescriptions—general and special
 - d. Other Management and Restrictions Related to Grazing and Livestock Operations
 - e. Infrastructure Condition and Improvements Needed (including specifications for wildlife-friendly fencing and water troughs; requirements to initiate grazing)
6. Sustainability
 - a. Integration with Regional Socio-Economic Systems for Long-term Sustainability
 - b. Guidelines, Incentives, and Contingencies for Operations (for flexibility to adapt to extreme events and changing conditions)
7. Monitoring of Conditions and Planned Effects on Resources Related to Grazing
 - a. Monitoring Variables, Methods, and Schedule
 - b. Evaluation Standards and Analysis
 - c. Adaptation of Management Actions
 - d. Testing, Research, and Learning Needs
 - e. Reporting
8. Implementation Schedule, Personnel, and Responsibilities
9. Assumptions and Recommended Supplementary Planning
10. Literature Cited