

Implementing a Conservation Plan



Conservation Plan Components

- A statement of purpose
- Goals
- Reference documents that support the work
- Interpretation of inventory
- Landscape level considerations
- Recommended types and levels of protection
- Action plan

Developing your Conservation Plan

Productive Grazing Area

- Always spend your first dollar on your best country
- Set up your most productive area so it is easy to manage and supports your goals and objectives
- If you still have money, expand your efforts
- Use your worst areas for emergency grazing

Components of a Conservation Plan

- **Inventory records narrative**
- **Contact information**
- **Fields and pastures**
- **Livestock and current grazing management**
- **Planned conservation practices**
- **Additional materials**

Additional Materials

- **Agreements**
- **Environmental assessments**
- **Permits**
- **NRCS contract application**
- **Conservation plan schedule of operations**



Conservation Plan Practices

- **Rest rotation grazing – maximize production and reduce sediment and nutrient runoff**
- **Ponds – prevent soil erosion and protect water quality by collecting and storing run off**
- **Pasture management – proper treatment and use of pasture land minimizes adverse impacts to ground and surface water**

Soil Report

If your interest is to obtain soil and ESD information use the NRCS Web Soil Survey application

Create your personal Area of Interest (AOI), view, save, and print maps and reports providing soil and ecological site information

ESD – Ecological Site Description

Monitoring

- Many management plans include objectives for multiple resource benefits (wildlife, water quality, reduced erosion)
- Monitored attributes should be based on clearly stated goals and objectives for those resource values

Conservation Plan Form Order

- **Conservation Plan Inventory Workbook for Ranchers**
- **Determine Goals & Objectives**
- **Soil Report**
- **Interpreting Indicators of Range Health**
- **Field Inventory for Ranchers (blank)**
- **Initial Stocking Rate (blank)**
- **Resource Management System Alternative**
- **My Ranch Plan**

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