



Standards Oversight Council (SOC)

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NRCS 528 - Grazing Management Standard Team

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday 13 January 2026 ▲ 9:00am – 2:30pm ▲

Portage County Annex - Stevens Point

9:00 Welcome, introductions (Adam & Carl; 15 min)

Attendance: Ben Wendt, Laura Paine, Chris Miller, Laura Bybee, Patrick Bula, Brooke Bembeneck, Jason Cavadini, Adam Abel, Carl Wepking,

9:15 Conservation Practice Standards & process (Adam; 15 min)

9:30 SOC background & process (Carl; 15 min)

9:45 Overview of the 2025 national CPS (Adam; 15 min)

10:00 Break (15 min)

10:15 Start line-by-line review of 2025 CPS (Adam; 105 min)

12:00 Lunch (30 min)

12:30 Continuation of line-by-line review of 2025 CPS (Adam; 90 min)

2:00 Next steps & action items (Carl; 30 min)

2:30 Conclude meeting

Zoom connection info:

Join Zoom Meeting

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Notes:

Definition Section

- Definition is broader than the previous version of this conservation practice standard (previously named CPS 528 - Prescribed Grazing)
- Regarding 'browsing' animals listed in definition – group inquired whether there was a potential for a separate non-ruminant CPS?
- Regarding the incorporation of “economic objectives” in the definition section – the group noted that this is not specifically called out within the 'purpose' section, though indirectly suggested through improving forage quality, balance, quantity

Conditions Where Practice Applies section

- template states that situations where this standard does NOT apply could be included -- should specific instances be called out here? (e.g. woods?)
 - Propose: practice does not apply to grazed forest. Counter-point -- differentiation between "forest" and "grazed forest."
 - Note to revisit following review of criteria related to forestland

Criteria

- Extensive changes were proposed to the general criteria section. Notably:
 - Suggestion to point to other CPS practices when necessary as opposed to including specifics that are covered elsewhere, and tangential to the 528 CPS
- Discussion regarding how this CPS will interact with supporting documents / elements (e.g. 110)

Action item for group:

- Spend time thinking about how issues related to fertility should be incorporated into this technical standard.
- Revisit forestland issue