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Establish Well-managed Grazing as an Acceptable Mid-contract Management Practice Under the Conservation Reserve Program

WHEREAS, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been an important soil and water conservation program for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, mid-contract management has been required to maintain and improve wildlife habitat provided on acreage enrolled in CRP since 2005; and

WHEREAS, well-managed grazing improves the vegetative structure of grasslands for Northern Bobwhite and grassland obligate birds to a greater extent than current mid-contract management practices; and

WHEREAS, prescribed grazing for wildlife benefit provides structure for brood rearing habitat in quail and other ground nesting species; and

WHEREAS, prescribed grazing to achieve quality habitat provided by CRP is very likely to be acceptable to program participants; and

WHEREAS, adding prescribed grazing to the list of acceptable CRP mid contract management practices without penalty would offer participants more options than they currently have; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City MO, this 20th day of March, 2016, work with Missouri Farm Service Agency leaders to add prescribed grazing for wildlife habitat to the list of acceptable CRP mid contract management practices.