

**Conservation Federation of Missouri  
2014 Resolutions**

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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 28 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 to achieve quality habitat provided by CRP is very likely to be acceptable to program participants; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently a 25 percent payment reduction for grazing CRP grounds that could be an obstacle for landowners; and

**WHEREAS**, waiving the 25 percent payment reduction could potentially generate landowner support for prescribed grazing: now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City MO, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2014 work with Missouri Farm Service Agency leaders to add prescribed grazing for wildlife habitat to the list of acceptable CRP mid contract management practices and waive the 25 percent penalty.