

# Conservation Security Program

## Grazing Management Enhancements



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### Definition

This enhancement is for preventing livestock from having direct uncontrolled access to constructed ponds and dugouts.

### Purpose

The purpose of this enhancement is to limit the suspension of sediments, and the direct deposition of livestock waste into constructed ponds and dugouts in pastures in order to protect water quality and also provide for better quality drinking water for the livestock.

### Where Used

This enhancement is used where livestock currently have direct, uncontrolled access to constructed ponds and dugouts.

### Operation and Maintenance

The constructed ponds and dugouts will be fenced to exclude livestock from direct uncontrolled access. Very short duration access is allowed (flash grazing) to control brush and weeds. Options for limiting access include gravel ramps for controlled access, an alternative source of water will be used (such as water piped in through a pipeline), or a method of delivering the water from the natural source to a watering facility will be installed (such as a solar powered pump delivering the water to an adjacent water tank).

### Payment Rate

The payment rate is an annual payment per year if all constructed ponds and dugouts have limited access.

### Documentation Required

A map must be provided indicating locations of all pipelines, watering facilities, and pumps. Also required on the map are locations of fences that exclude livestock from natural water sources.

**I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that, if requested, I will provide additional documentation to support the above information.**

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