

CRP EXPIRING? KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT?

Ranchers Stewardship Alliance Conservation Committee can help!

Conserving Grasslands through Sustainable Ranching



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A Winning Team!



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In 2003, 30 ranching families in northern Montana came together to resolve problems they faced. Now known as the Ranchers Stewardship Alliance (RSA), this rancher-led conservation organization works to continually strengthen our rural community, economy and culture. RSA continues to improve communication and relationships with government agencies and conservation groups while protecting ranching traditions. RSA is now leading a team to enhance and restore critical grasslands in Phillips, Valley and Blaine Counties through investments in sustainable ranching, offering technical and financial assistance for infrastructure and forage improvements for livestock that will result in well-managed, grassland landscapes.

Targeted activities:

- Grazing systems for expiring CRP
- Restoration of marginal cropland to native pasture
- Enhanced management of crested wheatgrass

Financial assistance available for, but not limited to:

- Cost-share on fencing supplies and installation
- Cost-share on supplies and installation of wells, pipeline extension, stock water tanks, and pumps
- Cost-share on native grass seeding

Technical assistance available for, but not limited to:

- Grazing management planning
- Native pasture establishment
- Management of old crested wheatgrass plantings
- Grass lease directory for community members with pastures to lease or in need of pasture

Grassland birds, breeding waterfowl, sharp-tailed grouse, pronghorn antelope, and other prairie wildlife species rely on grassland habitat. Ranchers Stewardship Alliance is working with community-based partners to conserve Montana's grassland landscapes for our citizens, economy, and wildlife.

RSA is working with Farm Link Montana (www.farmlinkmontana.org) to host "RSA GrassLink": a directory for those seeking pasture or offering land for lease in our area. Log onto Farm Link or contact RSA to list your CRP today!