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FORESTRY/WOODLAND TECHNICAL NOTE NO. NM-46

SUBJECT: ECS – Forest Grazing: Managing your Land for Trees, Forage, and Livestock

Purpose: To provide guidance for the management of forested lands with a goal of improving range condition for livestock.

Effective Date: Effective when received.

Filing Instructions: Forestry/Woodland Technical Notes are accessible online at the NRCS New Mexico Technical Resources website: http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/tech-notes/forestry_wood.html

Background: The technical note is from Utah State University's Cooperative Extension Service, and provides an overview of the relationships between trees and forage and suggestions for the landowner who wants to manage their land for forest grazing. The note discusses reasons for managing forest for livestock grazing, how to thin a forest to maximize tree growth and forage growth, seeding recommendations (which should be tailored to New Mexico species), and livestock management. Since forest types in Utah are very similar to those in New Mexico, this publication can be used as a valuable reference until a New Mexico Department of Agiculture Cooperative Extension publication supersedes it at some future date.

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