

# Dealing with Drought: Managing Grazing to Benefit Wildlife

## Drought

lack of rainfall for an extended period of time

## Grazing Management

process of monitoring the effect that grazing livestock are having on a landscape and adjusting livestock numbers to reduce or increase the intensity of grazing based on food availability

## Forb

broad-leafed herbaceous plant

## Browse

a food item such as leaves, fruits, or tender shoots typically associated with vines, shrubs or trees

## El Niño/La Niña

represent the varying warming and cooling trends in the ocean surface temperature on the equatorial area of the Pacific Ocean.

## El Niño Weather Pattern

winter temperatures are above average in the north-central U.S., while they are cooler than normal in the southeastern and southwestern U.S.

## La Niña Weather Pattern

winter temperatures are above average in the southeastern U.S., while they are cooler than normal in the northwestern U.S.

## Cull

to remove livestock from an area with the goal of reducing animal numbers

## Open Cow

mature female cow which is not pregnant

## Dry Lot

a confined area where livestock can be provided with food and water

## Trap

small pasture that is surrounded by a fence which is used to confine livestock for the purposes of providing food and water

## Sacrifice Area

area of land that is heavily degraded due to continuous livestock use

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Profitability

ability to generate a profit

Lessee

individual who leases land

Plant Vigor

measure of plant growth over time

Root Biomass

amount of roots a plant has underground

Perpetual

lasting for a long time

Proponent

someone who supports something

Concession

act of giving up something