

Agreement Number:

Parcel Number:

Date of Site Inspection:

Grassland of Special Environmental Significance Documentation

7 CFR 1468.3 Definitions

Grassland of special environmental significance means grasslands that contain little or no noxious or invasive species, as designated or defined by State or Federal law;

1. Less than 5% as recommended by State Technical Committee

- The parcel should be 95% or more native grasses, grass-like plants, shrubs, or forbs and less than 5% of species that are on the state and federal invasive species list.
- Link to Texas Department of Agriculture Noxious and Invasive Plant List
 - https://texas-sos.appianportalsgov.com/rules-and-meetings?chapter=19&interface=VIEW_TAC&part=1&subchapter=T&title=4
- Link to federal invasive species
 - <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/terrestrial/plants?page=0>

2. Subject to the threat of conversion to

- non-grassland uses or
 - Non-grassland uses include crop, commercial, or industrial land uses.
- fragmentation;
 - Grassland fragmentation occurs when the parcel is not attached to another grassland and is an isolated patch.
- Threat of conversion is determined by two factors.
 - Current exponential population growth and density

- Active development (commercial, industrial, residential etc.) in the offered parcel's county.

3. And the land is:

- Rangeland, pastureland, shrubland, or wet meadows on which the vegetation is dominated by native grasses, grass-like plants, shrubs, or forbs, or
- Improved, naturalized pastureland, rangeland, and wet meadows; Provides, or could provide, habitat for threatened or endangered species or at-risk species,
_____ (list species); or
- Protects sensitive or declining native prairie or grassland types or grasslands

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