# INTRODUCTION

The Board of Forestry’s Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) and State Lands Grazing License and Land Management (SLGLLM) sub-committee recommends the template below for the development of Grazing Agreements (‘Agreement’ template, Appendix C[[1]](#footnote-1) in the Guidebook), including sections specifically devoted to grazing management on state lands. A Management Action Plan (‘MAP’ template, Appendix D[[2]](#footnote-2) in the Guidebook) is attached to and referenced in the Agreement. Brief explanations of the information intended to be included in each section below are provided in the Guidebook (RMAC 2024[[3]](#footnote-3)).

# GRAZING AGREEMENT TEMPLATE

## 1. Identification of the Parties

### a. Legal Description of “Licensor” and “Licensee”

### b. Contracting Parties

## 2. Property Description

### a. Legal Description

### b. Grazing Unit(s)

### c. Maps

### d. Infrastructure

### e. Address

## 3. Duration, Termination, and Extension Options

### a. Effective and Termination Dates of the Agreement

### b. Occupancy Rights

### c. Grazing Season and Pressure

### d. Early Termination for Any Reason

### e. Extension/Renewal Terms and Conditions

## 4. Rent or Payment, and Fee Credits for Improvements

### a. Rent or Payments

### b. Fee Credits

## 5. Taxes

### a. Personal Property Taxes

### b. Real Property Taxes

### c. Possessory Interest Taxes

## 6. Property Uses

### a. Agreement Type

### b. Allowable Uses

### c. Living Quarters Policies

## 7. Entry

### a. Allowable Parties

### b. Landlord’s Access

### c. Public Access

### d. Access Gate Location(s)

## 8. Maintenance, Repairs, and Improvements

### a. Maintenance and Repairs

### b. Permanent Improvements

### c. Liens

## 9. Stewardship Guidelines

## 10. Additional Constraints

### a. Soil Altering Practices

### b. Hazardous Substances and Dead Animal Disposal

### c. Temporary Structures

### d. Invasive Species Measures

### e. Animal Welfare

### f. Other Restrictions

## 11. Subcontracting

### a. Landlord Consent

### b. Grazing Operator Responsibilities

## 12. Insurance and Liability

### a. Liability Insurance

### b. Workers Compensation Insurance

## 13. Indemnification

### a. Landlord Indemnification

### b. Accessible Public Lands

## 14. Damage or Destruction

## 15. Condemnation

## 16. Removal of Personal Property

## 17. Dispute Resolution

## 18. Notices and Communications

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2. [RMAC] Range Management Advisory Committee. 2024. Appendix D: Management Action Plan template. State Lands Grazing License and Land Management subcommittee, Range Management Advisory Committee, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Natural Resources Agency. Sacramento, CA. Available online: Verified MONTH, DAY, 2024. (to be updated once finalized and online). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. RMAC. 2024. State Lands Grazing Packet Guidebook, including Instructions for Use of the Grazing Agreement and Management Action Plan (MAP) Templates. Range Management Advisory Committee, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Natural Resources Agency. Sacramento, CA. Available online: Verified MONTH, DAY, 2024. (to be updated once finalized and online). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)