NRCS Conservation Planning and Use of Monitoring and Business Planning Information

Gene Fults & Chuck Stanley
NRCS Rangeland Management Specialists
West & Central National Technology Support Centers
What Are We Trying to Address?

- Resource Concerns – Landscape?

- Rancher Concerns – Personal?

- Rancher Objectives – Sustainability?

- NRCS Programs are geared to address concerns and objectives based on a Conservation Plan
Nine Steps of the Planning Process

1. Identify Problems & Opportunities
2. Determine Objectives
3. Inventory Resources
4. Analyze Resource Data
5. Formulate Alternatives
Nine Steps of the Planning Process

1. Evaluate Alternatives
2. Make Decisions
3. Implement the Plan
4. Evaluate the Plan
Evaluate the Plan

• How to determine if practices meet objectives
• Provide follow-up assistance?
• Rancher collect necessary data?
• MONITORING
Monitoring
The Key to the Decision Making Process?

Practice Implementation → Monitor → Objectives Currently being Met

Monitor → Revise Plan

Revise Plan → Re-Evaluate → Apply Additional Practices

Move on to other concerns
Monitoring
The Key to the Decision Making Process?

SUSTAINABILITY?

Practice Implementation ➔ Monitor ➔ Objectives Currently being Met ➔ Apply Additional Practices ➔ Re-Evaluate ➔ Revise Plan ➔ Move on to other concerns