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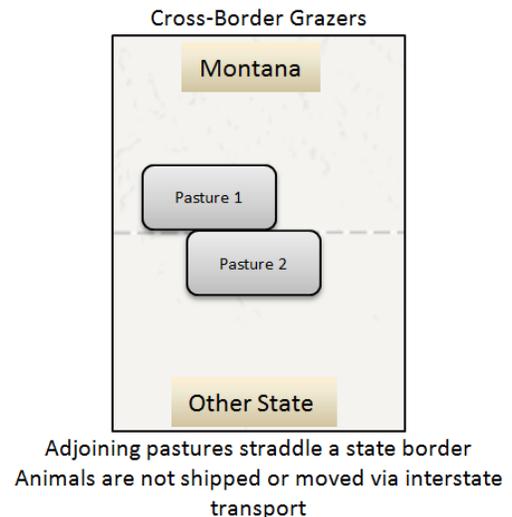
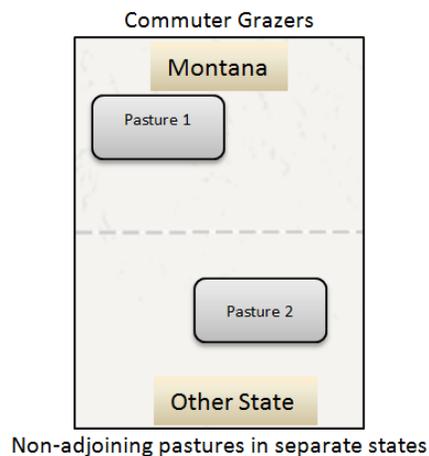
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MONTANA SEASONAL GRAZING APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A Montana seasonal grazing approval allows animals moving from a pasture in Montana to a pasture in another state for grazing to return to Montana without obtaining a second health certificate.

- All vaccination eligible female cattle must be official brucellosis vaccinates at the time of departure from Montana
- Seasonal grazing approvals are valid for nine months from initial movement
- Destination state import requirements must be met for all participating animals prior to movement
 - Work with your veterinarian and the destination state to ensure that all requirements are met
- Applications must first be approved by the Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL) and submitted with the appropriate fee. Per ARM 32.3.2: \$37.00 for new or first time permits; \$14.00 for renewals.
- After MDOL approval, the destination state must also approve the application
- Animals are not allowed to leave the destination premises or participate in exhibitions, events or change of ownership

There are two types of seasonal grazing movement:



Commuter Grazers

Cattle

- For herds associated with a Designated Surveillance Area (DSA), see the DSA Herds section below
- ID requirement: All sexually intact cattle must have official identification
 - Animals destined for Wyoming or Idaho are not required to list identification on the CVI as long as all animals are branded, have not been assembled within the past 60 days, and have not been used for or comingled with rodeo cattle
- A brand inspection is required for each movement
- A copy of the Montana CVI must be faxed to the Helena office once it is issued with your seasonal grazer number written on the CVI (with all testing info, virgin statement, etc included)

Horses

- Must meet all state of destination import requirements (CVI, import permit, testing, etc)
- Must be individually identified on the Seasonal Grazing Application (name, color, sex, age, markings and brands)
- Brand inspection is required for each movement
- Per ARM 32.3.216 (5), equines which remain at all times on the destination premises described in the Seasonal Grazing Application do not need a negative EIA test to return to Montana
 - Write “exempt” for the Coggins test date on the application unless the test is required by the destination state

For each shipment of animals returning you must call MDOL (406-444-2043) within 10 days of entry to obtain an entry permit. Please have your seasonal grazer number ready when you call.

Cross-Border Grazers

Cattle

- Must comply with state of destination import requirements
- For herds associated with a DSA, see the DSA Herds section below
- A brand inspection is required for each movement
- Montana does not require a CVI to leave or return to the state but all eligible females still must be OCV vaccinated

Horses

- Must comply with state of destination import requirements
- Must be individually identified on the Seasonal Grazing Application (Name, color, sex, age, markings and brands)
- Brand inspection is required for each movement
- Montana does not require a CVI to leave or return to the state

No import permit is required for return to Montana as long as all animals meet the Cross-Border Grazer requirements

Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) Herds

- If the home ranch is located in Montana’s DSA, a current herd management plan must be approved by an MDOL staff veterinarian prior to approval of the Seasonal Grazing Application
- If the seasonal grazing location is within another state’s DSA, a copy of a current herd plan from that state must be included with the Seasonal Grazing Application

Non-Bovine or Non-Equine Species

- Please contact MDOL for requirements and instructions