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