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OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK190-3-3

**SUBJECT: ECS – Oklahoma Grazing Lands Conservation Association (OGLCA)
Grazing Lands Grant Program**

Purpose: To distribute information and application forms for the OGLCA Grazing Lands Grant Program.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2003

Action Required By: January 24, 2003

By working with producers, agencies, organizations and other concerned groups in identifying and addressing the needs of our state's privately owned grazing lands and the owners and managers of these lands, the Oklahoma Grazing Lands Conservation Association (OGLCA) supports the efforts of the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI).

The OGLCA addresses technical assistance, education and research concerns in order to provide producers with knowledge of sound conservation principles for making management decisions for their grazing land resources. The OGLCA has implemented the Grazing Lands Grant Program as a tool to help carry out "on the land" demonstration projects and provide educational opportunities for grazing landowners and managers.

The Grant Program has been successful over the past three years. A total of 17 grants for over \$35,000 have been funded. These include 11 demonstration projects focusing on water quality, brush management, forage evaluations, livestock nutrition and grazing systems. Six educational projects were funded and included workshops for rangeland health, prescribed burning, small pasture management, a fencing demonstration video and a small pasture management publication.

NRCS field offices are being asked to share this information with the conservation district officials, producers and other partners. See attached cover letter and information from the OGLCA. The deadline for applications is January 24th, 2003.

Questions concerning the grant program should be addressed to Steve Glasgow, State GLCI Coordinator at (918) 341-3241.

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Attachment

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