

New Mexico - (Clayton Field Office)
FY 2003 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating __ Final Rating __

1. Plants - (Total Maximum Points 60)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
Rangelands:	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	60	
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	50	
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	40	
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	30	
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	20	
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	10	
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	0	
Riparian	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	60
Grazed Forest:	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	60
1. Plants		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:

2. Conservation Practices Selection - (Total Maximum Points 175)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.			Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	Points - After
Soil (Erosion), Water (Quality, Quantity), Air (N/A), Plants (Health), Animals (Habitat)					
Erosion Control Structures (362, 410)			5pts ea		
Livestock Water Facilities (382, 574, 516, 614, 642)					
	Single Pasture		10		
	Two Pastures		20		
	Three Pastures		30		
	Four or more Pastures		40		
	Wildlife Watering Facility (648)		20		
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548)			10		
	Range Planting 550 (multiple species)		5		
Tree Establishment					
	Windbreak / Shelterbelt (380 or 650)		10		
	Riparian Forest Buffer (391)		20		
Brush Management					
Level of infestation	% Area Needing Treatment	% Area to be Treated in Contract	Potential Points	Bench-mark	Points - After
Light			20		
Medium			40		
Heavy			60		
Note: Multiply % Area Needing Treatment by % Area Treated in Contract by Points to get After for each Level of infestation					
2. Conservation Practice Selection			Total:		

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3. Other Considerations - (Total Maximum Points 40)

Below are some suggested, not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here.	Potential Points	Bench-mark	Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	10	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	10	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	N/A	0	
D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	N/A	0	
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	10	0	
G. The complete grazing operating unit is in the contract	10	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:	0	

Designated Conservationist

Date