

**NRCS-New Mexico - (Las Vegas 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 \_\_\_\_

**Category 1. Plants - Potential Points (60)**

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
<b>Rangelands:</b>	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		
<b>Riparian</b>	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark:	% Quality After:	% 60		
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark:	% Quality After:	% 60		
<b>1. Plants</b>		<b>Total</b>	100% <b>Total</b>	100% <b>Total:</b>		

**Category 2. Conservation Practice(s) Potential Points (195)**

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 resource concerns.		Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	Points - After
Soil, Water, Plant & Animal Resource Concerns				
	Fence (382)	10		
	Pumping Plant (533)	10		
	Pond (378)	10		
	Pipeline (516)	10		
	Diversion (362)	10		
	Grade Stabilization Structure (410)	10		
	Prescribed Burning (338)	10		
	Water Well (642)	10		
	Watering Facility	5		
	Prescribed Grazing (528A)	50		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>		<b>Total:</b>		

**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.					
<b>Total:</b>					

**Category 3. Other Considerations - Potential Points (35)**

The following considerations will be evaluated to ensure other environmental impacts/benefits are adequately addressed.	Potential Points	Bench-mark	Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	5	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	5	0	
D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	5	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	15	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>		<b>Total:</b>	0

{Add Categories 1-3} **Final Ranking Score =**

**Designated Conservationist:**

**Date:**