

**NRCS-New Mexico - EQIP (Taos 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 MAX = 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 Total</b>			100% Total	100% Total:	

**Category 2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - Potential Points MAX = 340**

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<b>Soil Erosion</b>					
		Critical Area Planting (342)			
		Diversification (362)			
		Grade Stabilization Structure (410)			
		Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)			
		Terrace (600)			
<b>Water Quantity</b>					
		Water Harvesting Catchment (636)			
		Pond Sealing or Lining (521 A-C)			
		Roof Runoff Structure (558)			
<b>Brush Management</b>					
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>					
			Potential Range Of Points (0-10)	Percent of Need to be Treated	Points - After
<b>Brush Management (314)-Circle Specific Component(s)- Mechanical, Chemical, Biological</b>					
<b>Water Quality</b>					
		Riparian Forest Buffer (392)			
		Tree and Shrub establishment (612)			
		Windbreak/shelterbelt renovation (650)			
		Sediment Basin (350)			
<b>Air</b>					
		Soil Roughening (609)			

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<b>Plants</b>				
	Pasture & Hay planting (512)			
	Prescribed Burning (338)			
	Surface drainage (607)			
	Fence (382)			
	Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548)			
	Range Planting (550)			
<b>Animals</b>				
	Livestock Pipelines (516)			
	Pond (378)			
	Pumping Plant (533)			
	Spring Development (574)			
	Trough or Tank (614)			
	Well (642)			
	Livestock Trails (575)			
	Wildlife Watering Facility (648)			
	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)			
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>		<b>Total:</b>		

**Category 3. Other Considerations -Potential Points MAX = 25**

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	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.	5	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>	0	

<b>{Add Categories 1-3}</b>		<b>Final Ranking Score =</b>	
		<b>Maximum Allowable Points=</b>	<b>425</b>

**Designated Conservationist:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_