

**New Mexico - Las Cruces Field Office  
FY 2004 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 - 77 Potential Points (25% of Total)**

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	%	__ + __ + __ =	%	77	
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	__ + __ + __ =	%	65	
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	__ + __ + __ =	%	50	
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	__ + __ + __ =	%	35	
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: _____	%	77
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	77
<b>1. Plants</b>		Total	100%	Total	100%	<b>Total:</b>

**2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 200 Potential Points (65 % of Total)**

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 Treated	Points - After
<b>Soil Erosion</b>			
<b>Soil Erosion - Wind</b>			
Prescribed Grazing (528)			
An extensive grazing system will be initiated (rested 25-70% of time during the growing season).	10		
An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested >70% of time during the growing season).	20		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)	20		
<b>Water Quantity</b>			
<b>Water Quantity - Inefficient Water Use on Non-irrigated Land</b>			
Pipeline (516)	15		
Storage or Trough (614)	15		
<b>Water Quality</b>			
<b>Water Quality - Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water</b>			
Brush Mgt. (314) Chemical Control	10		
Brush Mgt. (314) Mechanical Control	10		
Fencing (382)	10		
Prescribed Grazing (528)			
An extensive grazing system will be initiated (rested 25-70% of time during the growing season).	10		
An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested >70% of time during the growing season).	20		
<b>Air</b>			
<b>Air Quality - Reduced Visibility</b>			
Prescribed Grazing (528)			
An extensive grazing system will be initiated (rested 25-70% of time during the growing season).	10		
An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested >70% of time during the growing season).	20		

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**2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 200 Potential Points - Continued**

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<b>Plants</b>			
<b>Plant – Condition – Productivity, Health and Vigor</b>			
Prescribed Grazing (528a)			
An extensive grazing system will be initiated (rested 25-70% of time during the growing season). 528a	10		
An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested >70% of time during the growing season). 528a	20		
Brush Mgt (314)	10		
Fencing (382)	10		
<b>Animals</b>			
<b>Domestic Animals – Inadequate Stock Water</b>			
Trough or Tank (614)	10		
Livestock Pipeline (516)	10		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

**3. Other Considerations - 30 Potential Points (10 % of Total)**

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	Benchmark	Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	20	0	
B. The contracted area will meet a Resource Management System.	5	0	
C. 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	
D. The complete grazing operating unit is in the contract.	5	0	
E. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	N/A	0	
F. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.	N/A	0	
G. The land is within a NMED designated Category 1 Watershed.	N/A	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>	0	

Points Earned (After minus Benchmark): Sec. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

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Designated Conservationist

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Date