

**New Mexico - Portales 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 - 65 Potential Points (24% 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	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	65			
	Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	60		
	Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	50		
	Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	40		
	Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	30		
	(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	20		
		SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	0		
<b>Riparian</b>	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	N/A		
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	N/A		
<b>1. Plants</b>		Total	100%	Total	100%	<b>Total:</b>		

**2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 178 Potential Points (66% 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) is 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
<b>Soil Erosion: Wind</b>			
Range Seeding or Interseeding (550)	15		
Critical Area Treatment (342)	20		
<b>Soil Erosion: Ephemeral Gully, Concentrated Flow</b>			
Erosion Control Structures (362), (410)	15		
<b>Water: Insufficient Flows in Water Courses</b>			
Brush Control Pecos River Heavy (314)	30		
Brush Control Pecos River Medium (314)	25		
Brush Control Pecos River Light (314)	20		
<b>Plants Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants</b>			
Brush Control Heavy (314)	30		
Brush Control Medium (314)	25		
Brush Control Light (314)	20		
<b>Plants Condition: Productivity, Health, and Vigor</b>			
Fence (382)	30		
<b>Animal Domestic: Drinking Water</b>			
Water Development (516), (614), (642)	25		
<b>Animal Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter</b>			
Prescribed Grazing - Lesser Prairie Chicken (528a)	8		
<b>Animal Wildlife: Inadequate Water</b>			
Wildlife Water (648)	5		
<b>Air and Water Quality Practices</b> are addressed in the other resource areas			
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

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**3. Other Considerations - 27 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	Bench- mark	Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species. <i>Lesser Prairie Chick</i>			
1. Lesser Praire Chicken--certified active lek within 2 miles of tract, 10 month deferment required; August -	20	0	
2. Prairie Dog--must be an established colony located on tract and must be maintained	7	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	N/A	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active/proposed sec. 319 project.	N/A	0	
D. This land is within a NMED Category I watershed.	N/A	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

In the event of a tie in ranking score, soil erodibility index will be used with the more erodible soil ranking higher.

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Producer

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Date

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Designated Conservationist

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Date