

New Mexico - Las Cruces 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 - 60 Potential Points (19.7% of Total)

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 Practice(s) Selection - 210 Potential Points (68.9 % 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	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
Soil Erosion						
			Prescribed Grazing (528)	10		
			An extensive grazing system will be initiated (rested 25-70%) of time during the growing season.	15		
			An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested >70% of time during the growing season.	20		
			Grade Stabilization Structure (410)	20		
Water Quantity						
			Pipeline (516)	15		
			Storage or Trough (614)	15		
Water Quality						
		Brush Mgt. (314)	Chemical Control	10		
		Brush Mgt. (314)	Mechanical Control	10		
			Fencing (382)	5		
			Prescribed Grazing (528)	10		
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			An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested >70% of time during the growing season.	20		
Air						
			Prescribed Grazing (528)	10		
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Animals			
	Trough or Tank (614)	10	
	Livestock Pipeline (516)	10	
	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)	10	
2. Conservation Practice Selection		Total:	

3. Other Considerations - 35 Potential Points (11.4 % 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	Points before	Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	20		
B. The contracted area will meet a Resource Management System.	5		
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		
D. The complete grazing operating unit is in the contract.	5		
3. Other Considerations	Total:		

Designated Conservationist

Date