

New Mexico - Portales Field Office
FY 2003 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land X Preliminary Rating _____ Final Rating _____

1. Plants - 65 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
Rangelands:	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	
Riparian	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	N/A
Grazed Forest:	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	N/A
1. Plants		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 170 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 Installed	Points - After
Soil Erosion				
	Interseeding (550)	15		
	Critical Area Treatment (342)	20		
	Erosion Control Structures (362), (410)	15		
Water Quantity				
	Brush Control Pecos River Heavy (314)	30		
	Brush Control Pecos River Medium (314)	25		
	Brush Control Pecos River Light (314)	20		
Plants				
	Brush Control Heavy (314)	30		
	Brush Control Medium (314)	25		
	Brush Control Light (314)	20		
	Water Development (516), (614), (642)	25		
	Fence (382)	30		
Animals				
	Prescribed Grazing - Lesser Prairie Chicken (528)	20		
	Wildlife Water (648)	5		
	Windbreak (380)	10		
Air and Water Quality Practices are addressed in the other resource areas				
2. Conservation Practice Selection		Total:		

3. Other Considerations - 25 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		Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.			
1. Lesser Praire Chicken--certified active lek within 1 mile of tract, 10 month deferment required	20		
2. Prairie Dog--must be an established colony located on tract and must be maintained	5		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	N/A		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	N/A		
D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	N/A		
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.	N/A		
3. Other Considerations	Total:		

Producer

Date

Designated Conservationist

Date