

**New Mexico - (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 - 70 Potential Points**

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	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	70	
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	+ + =	%	55	
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:	%	70	
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark:	% Quality After:	%	70	
<b>1. Plants</b>		Total	100%	Total	100%	<b>Total:</b>

**2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 110 Potential Points**

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
<b>Soil Erosion</b>				
	Livestock pipeline(516) Pond (378)Trough(614)	<b>10</b>		
	Grade Stabilization Structure (410)	<b>10</b>		
	Fence(382)	<b>20</b>		
<b>Water Quality</b>				
	Grade Stabilization Structure(410)	<b>10</b>		
	Brush Mgt (314)	<b>10</b>		
	Fence(382)	<b>20</b>		
<b>Air</b>				
	Range Planting (550)	<b>10</b>		
<b>Plants</b>				
	Brush Mgt (314)	<b>10</b>		
<b>Animals</b>				
	Riparian Forest Buffer(392) Tree & Shrub Establishment(612)	<b>10</b>		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>		<b>Total:</b>		

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**3. Other Considerations - 15 Potential Points**

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.	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 or proposed sec. 319 project.	5	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>	0	

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