

NEW MEXICO - SANTA ROSA 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 - 65 Potential Points (21% 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:	%	65	
Grazed Forest:	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark:	% Quality After:	%	65	
1. Plants		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 165 Potential Points (54% 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),Water(quantity),Plants(deversity),Animals(habitat)				
	Prescribed grazing >75% rest in the growing season (528a)	50		
	Prescribed grazing 25% to 75% rest in the growing season (528a)	25		
	Prescribed grazing <25% rest in the growing season (528a)	5		
	Brush Management other than Salt Cedar (314)	20		
	Brush Management for Salt Cedar - Heavy Infestation (314)	30		
	Brush Management for Salt Cedar - Medium Infestation (314)	25		
	Brush Management for Salt Cedar - Light Infestation (314)	20		
	Water Development that improves grazing management (516, 614, 642)	25		
	Fence (382)	30		
	Wildlife Water (648)	10		
Air and Water Quality Practices are addressed in the other resource areas				
2. Conservation Practice Selection		Total:		

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3. Other Considerations - 75 Potential Points (25% 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.			
1. Listed species must be present on property in EQIP contract	10	0	
2. Prairie Dog--must be an established colony located on property in EQIP and must be maintained	15	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	20	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	10	0	
D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	10	0	
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.	10	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:	0	

Designated Conservationist

Date