

NM EQIP FY 2004 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands - Alamogordo F.O.

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

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

1. Plants - 60 Potential Points

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
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 - 130 Potential Points

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations 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. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.	Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Soil Erosion (Sheet, Rill, Gullies, and Wind) Prescribed Grazing (528a)	5		
Water Quantity (Excessive runoff or flooding, Insufficient stream flows, Ground water depletion, and inefficient water use on Non-irrigated land)			
Forest Stand Improvement (666)	10		
Brush Management (314)	10		
Water Quality (Excessive Suspended Sediment and Contaminants in Surface Water)			
Brush Management (314)-Chemical Control	20		
Brush Management (314) - Mechanical Control	10		
Plants (Productivity, Health, and Vigor)			
Prescribed Grazing (528)	25		
Brush Management (314)	20		
Forest Stand Improvement (666)	20		
Animals (Balance of water, forage, and shelter) Livestock Pipeline (516)	10		
2. Conservation Practice Selection	Total:		

3. Other Considerations - 25 Potential Points

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them as item(s) E and F.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (List the species impacted)	5	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 or planned sec. 309 project.	N/A	0	
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	N/A	0	
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class	20	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:		

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 _____ Section 2 _____ Section 3 _____ Total for Worksheet _____

Designated Conservationist

Date