

FY 2004 RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET- GRAZING LANDS CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

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

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

1. Plants - 100 Potential Points (25-50% of Total)

| 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 | % ___ + ___ + ___ = | % 100 | | |
| Ecological | SI of 51-75 with upward trend | % ___ + ___ + ___ = | % 70 | | |
| Site | SI of 51-75 with downward trend | % ___ + ___ + ___ = | % 60 | | |
| Similarity | SI of 26-50 with upward trend | % ___ + ___ + ___ = | % 50 | | |
| 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: | NA | % Quality Bench Mark: _____ | % Quality After: _____ | % N/A | |
| 1. Plants | | Total | 100% | Total | 100% |
| | | | | Total: | |

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 200 Potential Points (25-65% of Total)

| 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) | | | |
| 342 - Critical Area Planning (10 yr) | 5 | | |
| 314 - Brush Management (10yr) | 10 | | |
| Water Quantity (Inefficient water use on non irrigated land) | | | |
| 314 - Brush Management (10yr) | 10 | | |
| Water Quality Surface water contaminants) | | | |
| 314 - Brush Management (10yr) | 10 | | |
| Plants (Productivity, health & vigor and invasive plants) | | | |
| 342 - Critical Area Planning (10 yr) | 5 | | |
| 314 - Brush Management (10yr) | 10 | | |
| 382 - Fence (20 yr) | 20 | | |
| 516 - Livestock Pipeline (20 yr) | 20 | | |
| 614 - Water Facility (10 yr) | 15 | | |
| 642 - Well (20 yr) | 15 | | |
| Animals (Food, cover or shelter, water, health) | | | |
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| 2. Conservation Practice Selection | | Total: | |

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3. Other Considerations - 50 Potential Points (10-25% of Total)

| 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 | Benchmark Points | After Points |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (List the species impacted) | 20 | 0 | |
| B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment. | 10 | 0 | |
| C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project. | 5 | 0 | |
| D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed. | 5 | 0 | |
| E. Propose contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A, Class B, and /or Class C noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA. | 10 | 0 | |
| 3. Other Considerations | Total: | | |

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

Designated Conservationist

Date