

**New Mexico - Clovis Field Office**  
**FY 2004 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_\_ **Final Rating** \_\_\_\_\_ Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_ 0

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

**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
<b>Soil Erosion: Wind</b>				
Range Seeding (550)		15		
Critical Area Treatment (342)		20		
<b>Soil Erosion: Ephemeral Gully, Concentrated Flow</b>				
Erosion Control Structures (362), (410)		15		
<b>Plants Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants</b>				
Brush Control, Heavy (314)		30		
Brush Control, Medium (314)		25		
Brush Control, Light (314)		20		
<b>Plants Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor</b>				
Fence (382)		30		
<b>Animal Domestic: Drinking Water</b>				
Water Development (516), (614), (642)		25		
<b>Animal Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter</b>				
Prescribed Grazing - Lesser Prairie Chicken (528)		20		
Windbreak (380)		10		
<b>Animal Wildlife: Inadequate Water</b>				
Wildlife Water (648)		5		
<b>Air and Water Quality Practices</b> are addressed in the other resource areas				
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**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	Benchmark Points	Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	5	0	
1. Lesser Praire Chicken--certified active lek within 2 miles of tract, 10 months deferment required.			
2. Prairie Dog--must be an established colony located on property in EQIP and must be maintained			
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 sec. 319 project.	5	0	
D. This land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5	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.	5	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>		<b>0</b>

**NOTE: 1. If application results in no points awarded in Section 1 (similarity index), application will not be funded until all other applications with points have been funded. Maximum cost share for brush management (314) component will not exceed \$50,000 per contract. In the event of a tie, contracts will be awarded based on highest soil erodibility index.**

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**Producer** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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