RANKING CRITERIA

Date_____ **SWCD**_____ **Landowner**_____

Planner_____ **Farm/Tract**_____

See FOTG Section III - "Maine's Criteria for Resource Management Systems (RMS) and Human Considerations" - for more details.

NATURAL RESOURCE **SOIL**	Bench mark quality (QC) met? Indicate Yes/ No/ NA	If QC not met will proposed action treat to QC? Indicate Yes/ No /NA	If circled YES in previous column, assign appropriate points	Points Assigned	Field #s
Erosion					
Sheet and Rill (Not F, W)*	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points* or 3 points		
Ephemeral Gully	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Classic Gully	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Streambank	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Roadbank, construction sites, and scoured areas	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Irrigation Induced (Not F, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Condition					
Poor soil tilth (Not F)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Subsurface compaction (Not W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Excess fertilizers animal waste and other organics (Not F, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Excess pesticides (Not F)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		

*For Cropland and Nutrient (manure). If the Benchmark Quality Criteria (QC) is not met for Sheet and Rill Soil Erosion and proposed action will not result in the QC for Sheet and Rill Soil Erosion (T) being met but there will be a reduction in Sheet and Rill Soil Erosion - assign 3 points.
C = Cropland, F = Forest, N = Nutrient (Manure), WA = Water Conservation, W = Wildlife, G = Grazing Land. Example (Not F, W) means this issue does not apply to Forestry and Wildlife Lands and no points should be assigned.

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Soil continued:					
Deposition					
Damage (Not F, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Safety (Not F, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
WATER					
Quantity					
Excess amounts (seeps) (Not WA, W	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Excess amounts (runoff ponding) (Not WA)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Excess amounts (poor soil drainage) (Not WA, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Deficient amount (Not F)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Restricted capacity (Not F)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Quality					
Ground					
Groundwater contamination (pesticide) (Not F, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Groundwater contamination (nutrients & organics) (Not F,W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Groundwater contamination (pathogens) (Not F, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Groundwater contamination (heavy metals) (Not F, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		

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Water Quality continued:					
Surface			10 points		
Surface water contamination (pesticides) (Not F)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Surface water contamination (nutrients & organics) (Not F)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Surface water contamination (pathogens) (Not F)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Surface water contamination (sediment and suspended solids)			10 points		
Surface water contamination (heavy metals) (Not F)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Condition					
Undesirable surface Water temperature	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Low level (of dissolved oxygen and biological oxygen surface water (Not F)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
AIR					
Quality					
Particulates (Not F, G, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Odors (Not F, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Chemical drift (Not F, G)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		

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PLANTS					
Suitability	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Condition					
Productivity	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Health & Vigor	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
ANIMALS					
Habitat					
Food (domestic animals) (Not F, W)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Habitat (wildlife)* (Not N)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Cover (wildlife) (Not N)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Quantity & Quality drinking water	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Population					
Resource balance (Not F)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		
Animal Health (Not F, WA)	Yes/ No/ NA	Yes/ No/ NA	10 points		

If for Nutrient (Manure) is farm willing to implement a CNMP? **If yes, 50 points**
If for Nutrient (Manure) is farm required according to Maine's Nutrient Management Law (MDAFRR) to have and apply a Nutrient Management Plan? **If yes, add 50 points.**
If treatment will benefit endangered, threatened, candidate, species of special concern and/or their habitat **add 50 points**

TOTAL POINTS OF POINTS = 0

* Includes Aquatic Species

Ranking Criteria for _____