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For Applications Evaluated 10/1/01-9/30/02

DETERMINING POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY AND RANKING CRITERIA Grazing Lands (Noxious Weeds) Statewide Natural Resource Concern EQIP Outside Local Emphasis Areas

The following guide is provided for determining those applications having potential to earn environmental points in EQIP Grazing Lands (Noxious Weeds) Natural Resource Concern outside of local emphasis areas. It is to be used by USDA personnel in understanding the priority resource issues being considered in 2003 and where appropriate to aid clients in determining whether their particular resource concern(s) would receive ranking points in this year's evaluation.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Tracts: _____

Assisted By: _____ Assisting Agency: _____

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1) Does the offer include planned treatment of Musk Thistle and/or Sericea Lespedeza and will grazing management be implemented to meet the Prescribed Grazing (528A) standard on the entire operating unit within the contract period (check and score all that apply)? Yes ___ No ___ If No , the offer is NOT eligible for environmental ranking points under the EQIP Grazing Lands (Noxious Weeds) Natural Resource Concern. However, it may be eligible for consideration and ranking under another statewide natural resource concern.	Score				
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2) Does the offer include over-utilized grassland due to poor grazing distribution/management prior to planned implementation of a prescribed grazing system? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes , score an additional 10 points per acre only on the land that the grazing management change will be implemented within the contract period.	Score				
10 x acres					
3) Does the offer include planned treatment for all resource concerns to the quality criteria level, in addition to the primary concern, for all land uses on the entire operating unit? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes , score an additional 50 points per acre only when all resource issues for the entire operating unit are addressed in the conservation plan and will be implemented within the contract period.	Score				
50 x acres					
4) Does planned treatment include protection of existing perennial &/or intermittent streams from degradation (application of conservation buffer practices)? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes , score an additional 50 points/acre for establishing a new buffer &/or 20 points/acre for protecting existing buffers.	Score				
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TOTAL SCORE:

Signature of Applicant

Date

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