

**FY2003 KS EQIP APPLICATION EVALUATION WORKSHEET
GRAZING LANDS HEALTH**

Attachment 3 to KS300-3-3
Dated November 14, 2002

APPLICANT _____
APPLICATION # _____
APPLICATION ACRES _____
TRACT # _____
ADMINISTRATIVE (FSA) COUNTY _____
LOCATION COUNTY _____
STATE _____
DOLLARS REQUESTED _____

REQUIREMENTS OF GRAZING LANDS HEALTH RESOURCE CONCERN:

- The unit of concern will be converted to a grazing plan that will achieve 50% or less use for the year on the key forage species in identified key grazing areas during the life of the contract.
- Producer will implement a modified harvest method monitoring system using grazing exclusion cages, approved by NRCS, that will verify the degree of use of the key forage species in identified key grazing areas during the life of the contract.

HIGH CATEGORY

Priority # 1	* The planned grazing system will provide rest for greater than 91% of the days during the growing season.	_____	Days of rest
	OR		
	* The grazing unit land area is infested with 1-10% of non-native invasive species and the producer will implement a plan to control these species. (1)	_____	Acres infested
Priority # 2	* The planned grazing system will provide rest for greater than 86% of the days during the growing season.	_____	Days of rest
	OR		
	* The grazing unit land area is infested with 10-15% of non-native invasive species and the producer will implement a plan to control these species. (1)	_____	Acres infested
Priority # 3	* The planned grazing system will provide rest for greater than 82% of the days during the growing season.	_____	Days of rest
	OR		
	* The grazing unit land area is infested with 15-20% of non-native invasive species and the producer will implement a plan to control these species. (1)	_____	Acres infested
Priority # 4	* The planned grazing system will provide rest for greater than 74% of the days during the growing season.	_____	Days of rest
	OR		
	* The grazing unit land area is infested with 20-25% of non-native invasive species and the producer will implement a plan to control these species. (1)	_____	Acres infested

(1) Non-native species eligible for this priority are tamarisk (salt cedar) and sericea lespedeza.

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MEDIUM CATEGORY

- Priority # 1** * The planned grazing system will provide rest for greater than 49% of the days during the growing season. _____ Days of rest
OR
 * The grazing unit land area is infested with 25-30% of non-native invasive species and the producer will implement a plan to control these species. (1) _____ Acres infested
- Priority # 2** * The planned grazing system will provide rest for greater than 30% of the days during the growing season. _____ Days of rest
OR
 * The grazing unit land area is infested with 31% or greater of non-native invasive species and the producer will implement a plan to control these species. (1) _____ Acres infested
OR
 * The grazing unit is infested with a brush species at least at the high priority level as indicated in the FOTG for Brush Management and the producer will implement a plan to control the brush species. _____ Acres infested

LOW CATEGORY

- Priority #1** * The producer will implement a planned grazing system that will create an upward trend in rangeland health and desirable species vigor. _____
OR
 * The grazing unit is infested with a brush species at least at the medium priority level as indicated in the FOTG for Brush Management and the producer will implement a plan to control the brush species. _____ Acres infested

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