

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Grassland Reserve Program Eligibility and Ranking Form
Nevada FY2011

Landowner Name and Address:

Cooperating Entity (If any) Name(s) and Address(es)

County in which Parcel is Located:

Locality (Town/Township) in which the Parcel is Located:

Tract and Field number if available:

Is the Landowner AGI Eligible? Yes No

Is the Landowner HEL Eligible? Yes No

Is the Landowner WC Eligible? Yes No

Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Landowner Eligibility:

Does the offered land have historic or archeological resources? Yes No

Does the land meet eligibility criteria as defined in 7CFR Part 1415.5? Yes No

Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Land Eligibility:

Ranking Factors

Land Enrollment (165 possible points)		Points								
1	Length of Contract (circle one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 10-year rental contract 5 pts b. 15-year rental contract 20 pts c. 20-year rental contract 35 pts d. GRP Conservation Easement 50 pts 									
2	Is the land to be offered for GRP adjacent to public grazing lands or other lands protected from conversion?	35								
3	Is the land to be offered for GRP between _____ miles away from the nearest urban, industrial, subdivision, development, or agricultural land other than grazing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 0-5 30 pts b. 5-10 20 pts c. 10-15 10 pts d. 15-30 5 pts e. > 30 0 pts <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Choose only (1)</p>									
4	For CRP lands that will expire within a year, does the land hold high ecological value and is the land under the threat of conversion to a use other than grazing (land must be offered for a 20-year rental contract to receive points)?	20								
5	Does the land contain any historical or archeological resources of significance (must be listed in the NRHP, designated by SHPO or be of Tribal THPO)?	15								
6	Size of grazing unit offered for GRP: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px; border-collapse: collapse; width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Acres</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><100</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;">100-1000</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;">>1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"></td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;">0 pts</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;">10 pts</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;">15 pts</td> </tr> </table>	Acres	<100	100-1000	>1000		0 pts	10 pts	15 pts	
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Grazing Operation (135 possible points)		Points
1	For all grazing lands being offered in GRP, are grazing records available, and current (minimum of 3 years of records consisting of grazing intensity, frequency, duration, forage yields, and livestock numbers, in addition to soil test and nutrient applied for pastures)?	30
2	Is a current grazing plan developed and implemented for the land being offered in GRP?	40
3	Does the current management on the offered acres for GRP include a rotation that allows rest from grazing during the growing season for 1 out of 3 years?	20
4	If the land being offered for GRP contains; streams, rivers, ponds, or lakes, are livestock managed to prevent degradation to water quality?	25
5	Does the grazing plan balance forage availability with livestock and wildlife demands?	20

Plant and Animal Biodiversity (100 possible points)		Points
1	Does the land offered contain 1 priority habitat type? 10 pts Does the land offered contain 2 priority habitat types? 20 pts Does the land offered contain 3 priority habitat types? 30 pts	
2	Does the land offered for GRP support a known, documented population of T&E or at-risk plant/animal species?	20
3(a)	Does the land offered for GRP contain a plant composition that is dominated (75% or greater) by native perennial plants with no more than 30 percent woody canopy cover?	40
	OR	
3(b)	Does the land offered for GRP contain a plant composition that has a mix of native and introduced perennial plants with no more than 30 percent woody canopy cover?	20
4	Does the land being offered for GRP show little to no evidence of soil erosion concerns (active gullies, accelerated sheet and rill, wind or soil mass movement)?	10
Restoration (100 possible points)		Points
1	Will funds from non-federal partners contribute up to 50% toward the actual restoration of the land being offered for GRP?	25
2	Will funds from non-federal partners contribute greater than 50% toward the actual restoration of the land being offered for GRP?	50
3	Does the land being offered for GRP require NO restoration costs?	100

Total Possible Points: 500

Land Enrollment Points: _____

Grazing Operation Points: _____

Plant and Animal Biodiversity Points: _____

Restoration Points: _____

Application Point Total: _____

Total Application Cost (NRCS funds only): _____ Total acres: _____

Total NRCS dollars per acre (including rental payments and restoration cost): _____

(\$ per acre will be used as a tie breaker, if necessary)

_____ District Conservationist Signature

Instructions

1. Both rental contracts and easement offer applications will be ranked in 2011.
2. Confirm all eligibility factors for applicant and parcel. If applicant or land does not meet all eligibility requirements, do not rank.
3. Complete eligibility and ranking factor questions. Circle or enter appropriate points in the fields provided on the form. Enter point totals from each section on page 3.
4. Enter the total cost (NRCS funds only) and the total acres to be included in the rental agreement or easement offer.
5. Calculate the total application cost per acre (NRCS funds only) including rental payments, purchase price of the easement and restoration funds and enter on page 3. **Remember, GRP has annual payment limitations for rental agreements (\$50,000) and restoration agreements (\$50,000).**
6. Make copies of the application form (signed by District Conservationist), conservation plan map, conservation plan, restoration plan (if any), cost estimate and all ranking forms. Mail or deliver application package(s) to:

USDA – Natural Resource Conservation Service

1365 Corporate Blvd.

Reno, NV 89502-7102

Attention: Gary Roeder, Asst. State Conservationist - Programs

All applications must be received by COB February 25th to be considered for FY2011 funds.