

**OZARK PLATEAU KARST DEPENDENT SPECIES CONSERVATION INITIATIVE  
HEALTHY FORESTS RESERVE PROGRAM RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET**

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Application No.: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OFFICE RANKING**</b>		
<b>SPECIES CRITERIA (proximity to location of species)</b>	<b>Circle Correct Value</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1) Proximity to Cave(s) used by one of the federally listed targeted bat species (score points in only one category)</b>		
Cave(s) known to be used by the targeted bat species occurs on the property and the cave is considered "essential" for the recovery of the targeted species	130	
Cave(s) known to be used by the targeted bat species occur on the property	120	
Property offered is within 2 km (1.242 miles) of a cave known to be used by the targeted species, and which is considered "essential" for the recovery of the targeted bat species	100	
Property offered is within 2 km (1.242 miles) of a cave known to be used by the targeted species	80	
Property offered is within 4 km (2.484 miles) of a cave known to be used by the targeted species, and which is considered "essential" for the recovery of the targeted bat species	70	
Property offered is within 4 km (2.484 miles) of a cave known to be used by the targeted species	50	
Property offered is within 8 km (4.968 miles) of a cave known to be used by the Ozark Big-eared Bat or the property offered is within 20 km (12.42 miles) of a cave known to be used by the Gray Bat.	30	
Property offered does not fit into one of the previous listed areas of proximity to bat caves.	0	
	<b>Score</b>	
<b>2) Proximity to Cave(s) used by Ozark cavefish (score points in only one category)</b>		
Cave(s) identified to be inhabited by Ozark cavefish occur on the property	120	
Property offered is within the recharge area of a cave known to be used by the Ozark cavefish and is within the <b>high hazard vulnerability</b> area identified by Fish and Wildlife Service (Greater than 50% of the offered acreage)	100	
Property offered is within the recharge area of a cave known to be used by the Ozark cavefish and is within the <b>medium hazard vulnerability</b> area identified by Fish and Wildlife Service (Greater than 50% of the offered acreage)	50	
Property offered is not within the recharge area of a cave known to be used by the Ozark cavefish	0	
	<b>Score</b>	
<p><b>** Applications will be ranked using USFWS data on bat caves used by the species. Only those applications receiving more than 50 points will have a field review completed in the initial review period. Depending on the exact cave and its importance to the species, USFWS personnel may apply up to 20 additional points for offers within designated areas of an Ozark big-eared bat cave. Only when funding is sufficient to address other applications will field visits be made to applications scoring less than 50 points in Item 1 and 2.</b></p>		
<b>FIELD RANKING (Only completed on highest ranking applications after office ranking, see above)</b>		
<b>HABITAT CRITERIA (current land use of offered acres)</b>		
<b>3) Predominant land cover of offered acres? (score points in only one category)</b>		
Predominantly managed oak/hickory timber (Actively burning or thinning)	50	
Predominantly existing oak/hickory timber, limited or no management activities	40	
Predominantly existing non-oak/hickory timber (other forest/timber species)	20	
Predominantly pasture/range/crop	10	
Predominantly other land uses, not listed above	0	
	<b>Score</b>	

<b>4) Proximity to a pond or wetland (&gt; 2 acres in size) or the shore of a lake or larger water body, and/or proximity to a perennial stream?? (score points in both sub-categories)</b>		
<b>A) Aquatic habitat</b>		
Pond or wetland area occurs on the offered acres.	10	
Pond or wetland area occurs within 2 km (1.242 miles) of the offered acres.	6	
Pond/wetland does not occur within 2 km (1.242 miles) of the offered acres.	0	
<b>B) Perennial Stream</b>		
Perennial stream occurs on the offered acres.	10	
Perennial stream occurs within 2 km (1.242 miles) of the offered acres.	6	
Perennial stream does not occur within 2 km (1.242 miles) of offered acres.	0	
	<b>Score</b>	
<b>OTHER CONSIDERATIONS (proximity to other areas)</b>	<b>Circle Correct Value</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>5) Proximity to other protected areas with protected caves and/or forest lands managed in a manner consistent with HFRP priorities - includes Wildlife Refuges, Wildlife Management Areas, National Forests, and existing HFRP, WRP, or CRP conservation easements? (score points in only one category)</b>		
Offered acres adjoin an existing conservation area, as described above.	20	
Offered acres are within 1 miles of an existing conservation area.	15	
Offered acres are within 2 miles of an existing conservation area.	10	
Offered acres are not within 2 miles of an existing conservation area.	0	
	<b>Score</b>	
<b>6) Potential of Area Offered to Connect (Link) Two or More Known Locations for the targeted species.</b>		
Property offered is within 10 km (6.21 miles) of two or more caves known to be used by the targeted species, and which are considered essential for the recovery of the targeted species. The known caves are greater than 10 km apart.	10	
Property offered is within 4 km (2.484 miles) of two or more caves known to be used by the targeted species, and which are considered essential for the recovery of the targeted species. The known caves are greater than 4 km apart.	5	
	<b>Score</b>	
<b>ECONOMIC CRITERIA</b>		
<b>7) Cost Per Acre for Required Restoration Practices</b>		
No restoration costs	30	
\$100 or less per acre	20	
\$100 - \$500 per acre	10	
\$501 - \$800 per acre	5	
More than \$800 per acre	0	
	<b>Score</b>	
<b>8) Size of unit offered into program</b>		
Less than 30 acres	2	
30 – 100 acres	4	
Greater than 100 acres	10	
	<b>Score</b>	
<b>9) Type of offer</b>		
Permanent easement	10	
30 year easement	6	
10 year cost-share agreement	2	
	<b>Score</b>	
<b>TOTAL POINT VALUE FOR OFFERED ACRES</b>		
<b>TOTAL MAXIMUM POINT VALUE</b>		<b>400</b>