



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool ALE GSS_NM_FY2026

Program ACEP

Pool Status Active

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Existing Practice Included No

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National Pool No

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Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Developed Land	N/A	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Other Rural Land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Range	--	--	N/A	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Water	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	10	50
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	10	40
Long term protection of land	35	45	75
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	10	50
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	5	40
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	5	30
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	5	40
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	5	50
Water (Source water depletion)	0	5	40

Animals (Livestock production limitation)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Livestock Health (Feed and forage balance)	0	60	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock shelter)	0	--	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution)	0	40	100

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial Habitat (Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates)	0	100	100

Long term protection of land

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Threat of conversion	100	100	100

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant Health (Plant productivity and health)	0	50	100
Plant Health (Plant structure and composition)	0	50	100

Plants (Pest pressure)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant Health (Plant pest pressure)	0	100	100

Soil (Concentrated erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels)	0	--	100
Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	0	100	100
Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	0	--	100

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	0	50	100
Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	0	50	100

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	--	100

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	--	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater)	0	--	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water)	0	--	100
Water Quality (Sediment transported to surface water)	0	100	100

Water (Source water depletion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Groundwater depletion)	0	50	100
Water Quantity (Inefficient irrigation water use)	0	--	100
Water Quantity (Surface water depletion)	0	50	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Acquisition Process - Buy-Protect-Sell Transfer	LTAPBPST	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	00N	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Maximum Duration Allowed by State Law	LTPMAS	00N	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	00N	Easements

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	5	5	20
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	5	10
Resource Priorities	Default	35	50	50
Program Priorities	Default	40	40	50
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

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 An asterisk will be displayed to show that it is a conditional section or conditional question.

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: New Mexico		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the majority of the land being enrolled located in New Mexico?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Grassland of special significance		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the majority of the offered area a grassland of special significance?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: National program questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
What is the percent of prime, unique, and important farmland soils in the parcel to be protected as shown in Web Soil Survey?	At least 50% of the offered area has prime soils	15
	25-49% is prime soils	12
	10-24% is prime soils	9
	Some prime soils are present or at least 50% of the offered area has unique or soils of statewide importance	6
	No prime soils and less than 50% of the offered area has unique or soils of statewide importance	0
What is the percent of cropland, rangeland, grassland, historic grassland, pastureland, and nonindustrial private forest land in parcel to be protected?	100% and there is no planned building envelope	30
	99-99.9%	25
	98-98.9%	20
	97-97.9%	15
	Less than 97%	0
What is the ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture? USDA NASS - 2022 and 2017 Census, State Report, Table 8, https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2022/Full_Report/Volume_1,_Chapter_2_County_Level/New_Mexico/st35_2_008_008.pdf	more than 1	10
	0.8 - 1.0	8
	0.5 - 0.79	6
	less than 0.5	0

Section: National program questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
What is the decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture? (USDA - NASS - 2022 and 2017 Census of Agriculture, State report Table 8)?	10% or more decrease	15
	8.0-9.9% decrease	12
	6.0-7.9% decrease	9
	4.0-5.9% decrease	6
	Less than 4% decrease	0
What is the decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture.(USDA - NASS - 2022 and 2017 Census of Agriculture, State report Table 8)?)?	10% or more decrease	30
	8.0 - 9.9% decrease	25
	6.0- 7.9% decrease	20
	4.0- 5.9% decrease	15
	Less than 4.0% decrease	0
What is the percent population growth in the county as documented by the U.S. Census (Intercensal Estimates of the Resident Population for Counties in New Mexico: April 1, 2010 to April 1, 2020)?	4-10% (Dona Ana, Los Alamos, Otero, Santa Fe, Taos)	10
	0-4% (Bernalillo, Curry, Luna, McKinley, Rio Arriba)	5
	Negative growth or more than 10%	0
What is the population density (population per square mile) as documented by the 2020 U.S. Census (Census Bureau QuickFacts)?	50-100 (Dona Ana, Santa Fe, Valencia)	15
	20-49 (Curry, Sandoval, San Juan)	12
	10-19 (Chaves, Eddy, Lea, McKinley, Taos)	9
	less than 10 and more than 100	0
Is there a written farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address agricultural viability for future generations?	Yes, written by industry professional	8
	Yes, in place for at least 3 years	6
	Yes, in place at time of application.	4
	No written plan	0
What is the distance of the parcel to other protected land, such as compatible military installations; land owned in fee title by the United States or an Indian Tribe, State or local government, or by a nongovernmental organization whose purpose is to protect agricultural use and related conservation values; or land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to nonagricultural use or protects grazing uses and related conservation values?	Proposed easement area is directly adjacent to or separated by a single-lane road or ditch from a protected area managed for wildlife or natural uses (Forest Service, USFWS refuge, State wildlife management area)	40
	Proposed easement area is directly adjacent to or separated by a single-lane road or ditch from land protected for agricultural or hunting uses	35
	Proposed easement area is within a quarter mile of protected land.	30
	Proposed easement area is within a 1-mile radius of a protected land boundary	25
	Proposed easement area is within a 2-mile radius of a protected land boundary	20
	Proposed easement area is more than 2 miles from a protected land boundary	0

Section: National program questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
What is the distance of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure?	Adjacent on two or more sides	5
	Adjacent on one side	3
	Within one mile	1
	Farther than one mile	0
How does the parcel maximize the protection of contiguous or proximal acres devoted to agricultural use?	Proposed easement area links two non-continuous corridors of protected agricultural use.	5
	Proposed easement area is a contiguous or proximal expansion of an agricultural use area	3
	Proposed easement area does not increase an agricultural use area or is an isolated area of agriculture.	0
Does the parcel contain land currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within one year and is grassland that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement or is land under a CRP contract that is in transition to a covered farmer or rancher pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 3835(f) ?	YES	10
	NO	0
What percent of the non-federal share of the agricultural land easement is from the eligible entity own cash resources for payment of easement purchase and procured costs?	At least 15% of easement FMV is from entity cash resources used for purchase or procured costs	4
	At least 10% of easement FMV is from entity cash resources	3
	At least 5% is from entity cash resources	2
	Less than 5% is from entity cash resources	0
Does the parcel contain grassland of special environmental significance that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement?	YES	3
	NO	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: State Priority Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the parcel located in proximity to the Rio Grande, Pecos, Gila, Canadian or San Juan rivers or the headwater watershed for these rivers?	Within or up to half a mile away from the main stem of the river	50
	more than half mile and up to 1 mile away from the main stem of the river	25
	more than 1 and up to 3 miles away from the main stem of the river	15
	at least 50% of the offered area is within the HUC 10 headwater watershed for the river.	10
	More than 3 miles away from the main stem and most of the offered area is outside the HUC10 headwater watershed for the river.	0
Does the parcel contain riparian habitat, pond, playa or perennial stream?	YES	75
	NO	0

Section: State Priority Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the offered area the private base land for a USFS or BLM allotment?	YES	20
	NO	0
Is the proposed easement in an area with a threat of conversion according to "Farms Under Threat" spatial data?	High	30
	Moderately High	20
	Moderately Low	10
	Low	0
	Otherwise/No Data	0
Does the offered area intersect a priority area in the NM Forest Action Plan shown on Map 51?	High priority	25
	Medium High priority	20
	Medium priority	15
	Medium Low priority	10
	Low priority or no designation	0

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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