

2018 SGI Ranking

(*ALL SGI Contracts Must Have 645 in the Plan or Contract Prior to Obligation)

FY 2018 SGI Ranking - Rangeland	
STATE QUESTIONS	(must hit at least 150 out of 300 points)
1. Habitat Priority	(Pick Dominant Situation)
a. Targeted area	100 points
b. 25% dispersed area	50 points
c. Other lands	0 points
2. Habitat quality	(Pick Dominant Situation)
d. Good quality habitat on 60%+ of planning area (see below examples)	100 points
i. Sagebrush-native bunchgrass, native bunchgrass-native forb	
ii. Expired CRP w/ 50-point stand	
e. Good quality habitat on 30-59% of planning area	50 points
iii. See i. and a. ii. above (sagebrush, native bunchgrass, native forb)	
f. Seeded pasture w/ introduced bunchgrass	25 points
g. Land dominated by annuals or bulbous bluegrass	0 points
h. Good quality habitat on less than 30% of planning area	0 points
3. Percent of threats addressed (See SGI Threats Checklist)	(Pick Dominant Situation)
i. 100%	100 points
j. 75%-99%	75 points
k. 50%-74%	50 points
l. 49% or less	0 points
LOCAL QUESTIONS	(must hit at least 175 out of 350 points)
1. Percent of eligible rangeland enrolled:	(Pick Dominant Situation)
a. 100% eligible sagebrush/grassland enrolled	100 Points
b. Greater than (>) 50% eligible sagebrush/grassland enrolled	25 Points
c. Less than (<) 50% eligible sagebrush/grassland enrolled	0 Points
2. Threat: lack of nesting cover / improper grazing	(Pick One)
d. Rest-Defer /nesting cover option	100 points
e. Plant health option	50 points
f. Unable to implement either grazing option	0 points
3. Threat: poor quality habitat	(Mark all that apply)
g. Seeding rangeland	25 points
h. Seeding expired CRP	25 points
i. Restoring degraded mesic and riparian areas	25 points
j. Planting sagebrush	25 points
Note: must seed native species. Sagebrush planting applicable when missing from landscape.	
4. Threat: predation & other hazards	(Mark all that apply)
k. Obstruction removal including fences	25 points
l. Marking fences	25 points
m. Other threats (escape ramps on existing troughs)	25 points

FY 2018 SGI Ranking – Cropland	
STATE QUESTIONS	(must hit at least 150 out of 325 points)
1. Habitat Priority	(Pick Dominant Situation)
a. Targeted area	125 points
b. Within dispersed area or Other lands	50 points
2. Habitat quality	(Pick Dominant Situation)
*Planning unit meets criteria for good quality habitat. Example of quality habitat listed below	
iv. Sagebrush-native bunchgrass, native bunchgrass-native forb	
v. Expired CRP w/ 50-point stand	
c. Planning unit is expiring CRP	100 points
d. No-till operation adjacent to good quality habitat	100 points
e. No-till operation not adjacent to good quality habitat	75 points
f. Conventional till operation and adjacent to good quality habitat	50 points
g. Conventional till operation and not adjacent to good quality habitat	0 points
3. Percent of threats addressed	(Pick One)
h. 100%	100 points
i. 75%-99%	75 points
j. 50%-74%	50 points
k. 49% or less	0 points
LOCAL QUESTIONS	(must hit at least 150 out of 325 points)
1. Threat: poor quality habitat	(Mark all that apply)
a. Converting cropland to range or conservation cover (i.e., 390, 332, 386, 327)	100 points
b. Cover crop (340) with 6 species minimum with 6 weeks to termination	25 points
c. Forage and biomass planting (512)	25 points
2. Threat: juxtaposition to quality habitat	(Pick Dominant Situation)
a. Adjacent to native range on 75% or more of planning unit boundary	100 points
b. Adjacent to native range on 50% or more of planning unit boundary	50 points
c. Adjacent to native range on 25% or more of planning unit boundary	25 points
3. Landscape Threats:	(Mark all that apply)
d. Obstruction removal (500) including fences	25 points
e. Marking fences	25 points
4. Wildlife Monitoring	
f. Monitor for sage grouse and wildlife sign	25 points

FY 2018 SGI Ranking – Transitional	
STATE QUESTIONS	(must hit at least 200 out of 350 points)
2. Habitat Priority	(Pick Dominant Situation)
a. Targeted area	150 points
b. Within dispersed area or Other lands	50 points
2. Habitat quality	(Pick Dominant Situation)
* Adjacent land meets criteria for good quality habitat. Example of quality habitat listed below:	
vi. Sagebrush-native bunchgrass, native bunchgrass-native forb	
vii. Expired CRP w/ 50-point stand	
c. >75% of planning unit adjacent to good quality habitat	100 points
d. 25-75% of planning unit adjacent to good quality habitat	75 points
e. <25% of planning unit adjacent to good quality habitat	50 points
f. Planning unit not adjacent to good quality habitat	0 points
5. Percent of threats addressed	(Pick One)
g. 100%	100 points
h. 75%-99%	75 points
i. 50%-74%	50 points
j. 49% or less	0 points
LOCAL QUESTIONS	(must hit at least 200 out of 300 points)
1. Threat: poor quality habitat/lack of nesting cover	
k. Converting cropland to grazing rangeland (550) and will implement rest-defer grazing rotation (528 nesting cover option)	200 points
2. Landscape Threats:	(Mark all that apply)
l. Obstruction removal (500) including fences	50 points
m. Marking fences	25 points
6. Wildlife Monitoring	
n. Monitor for sage grouse and wildlife sign	25 points