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Soil Erosion

Sheet and Rill Erosion

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Range Health Assessment - soil site stability - is slight to moderate or less; OR, Rangeland Planned Trend is positive

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Plant cover controls active erosion (shallow less than 1 foot deep rills and gullies) and runoff from normal rain events; AND, No litter dams or terracettes are present.

Yes No

Wind Erosion

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Range Health Assessment - soil site stability - is slight to moderate or less; Or, Rangeland Planned Trend is positive.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Residual forage heights meet or exceed the State standards for controlling wind erosion.

Yes No

Classic Gully Erosion

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Classic gullies are not present; Or, Classic gully management is adequate to stop the progression of head cutting and widening and offsite impacts are minimized by vegetation and/or structures.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Classic Gullies are not present; Or, All classic gullies are stabilized; AND, All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.

Yes No

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Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channels

Planning Criteria

For shorelines and water conveyance channels; banks are stable or commensurate with normal geomorphological processes; AND, If bank erosion is present, it is beyond the client's control or commensurate with normal geomorphological processes; AND, For streambanks, SVAP2 bank condition element score > 5. If shorelines or water conveyance channels are not present, set this planning criteria to NA.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Excluding all fundamentally unstable, natural geomorphic streambanks and shorelines, all streambanks and shorelines on the land use show few signs of erosion or bank failure; AND, Each is stable and protected with natural materials. If shorelines and water conveyance channels do not exist on the land management system, set this test statement to NA.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Soil Quality Degradation

Organic Matter Depletion

Planning Criteria

Organic matter within the soil is managed by means of proper rotational grazing and other grazing management practices; AND, The Range Health Assessment (RHA) - soil site stability is slight to moderate or less; AND, The RHA - biotic integrity attribute rating is slight to moderate departure or less; OR, Rangeland planned trend is positive.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Proper soil health is evidenced by productive and desirable plants dominating the management system. There are no extensive dead or unproductive areas.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

Compaction

Planning Criteria

Soil compaction is not a problem: AND, Activities do not cause soil compaction problems AND can be documented with prior conservation planning or other on-site evaluation methods.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

There are no extensive bare spots or dead areas in the land management system beyond what would be considered acceptable "sacrifice" areas.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Concentration of Salts and other Chemicals

Planning Criteria

Salinity/sodicity problems do not exist: OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place to mitigate on-site effects.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

There are no areas of extensive bare ground, or largely unvegetated areas, present in areas of high salts. If there are no areas of high salts on the land management system, set this test statement to YES.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Excess Water

Drifted Snow

Planning Criteria

Excess water resulting from drifted snow is managed to prevent significant impacts to conservation measures, site access or sensitive habitat. If drifted snow is not a concern, set this planning criteria to NA.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Wind-blown snow does not restrict access for humans or animals. If drifted snow is not a concern, set this test statement to NA.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Water Quality Degradation

Pesticides in Surface Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and applied to prevent runoff, spills, leaks and leaching; AND, Conservation practices and techniques are in place to minimize ground water impacts.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Pesticides are not applied or stored on this land management system; Or, Pesticides are applied using a site-specific mixture of prevention, avoidance, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS) strategies. Environmental risk screening tool are used (such as WIN-PST or similar LGU approved tool); AND, application rates and timing are compliant with the label.

Yes No

Pesticides in Ground Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and applied to prevent runoff, spills, leaks and leaching; AND, Conservation practices and techniques are in place to minimize ground water impacts.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

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Yes No

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Nutrients in Surface Water

Planning Criteria

Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied; AND, The PLU is not grazed; OR livestock access to streams is controlled.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Livestock access to streams is limited to short periods of time and small areas.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

Sacrifice areas are properly sited.

Yes No

Nutrients in Ground Water

Planning Criteria

Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied; AND, Conservation practices and management activities are in place to minimize ground water impacts.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

When sinkholes are present in karst regions, livestock use of immediate sinkhole watershed area is managed to avoid nutrient additions to groundwater. If sinkholes are not present, set the test statement to YES.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications in Surface Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not applied on the land; OR, Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to surface water sources.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Livestock access to stream is controlled; OR, Livestock are limited to small watering or crossing areas.

Yes No

Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications in Ground Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not stored or applied on the land; OR, Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to groundwater sources.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Livestock use of immediate sink hole watersheds is managed to avoid addition of excess pathogens. If the land management system is not in a sinkhole watershed, set the test statement to YES.

Yes No

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Petroleum, Heavy Metal and Other Pollutants Transported to Surface Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Activities do not present the potential for contamination by petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants. If present, potential pollutants are stored and handled to avoid runoff to groundwater.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Fuel storage does not occur on this land management system; OR, If required, the producer has and is following a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan; OR, The fuel storage area and tank is located: - above the 100-year floodplain, - a minimum of 100 feet from any river, stream, ditch, pond, lake, sinkhole, wetland, or water well; AND, Within a stable place designed to provide secondary containment if the primary means were to fail.

Yes No

Petroleum, Heavy Metal and Other Pollutants Transported to Ground Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Activities do not present the potential for contamination by petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants. If present, potential pollutants are stored and handled to avoid seepage to groundwater.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

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Yes No

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Excessive Sediment in Surface Water

Planning Criteria

Permanent ground cover > 90% and slope less than 10% and classic gullies are not present; OR, Upslope treatment and buffer practices address concentrated flows to water bodies; AND, The SVAP2 - bank condition >= 5; AND, The livestock and vehicle water crossings are stable; AND, The water erosion rate is less than or equal to T; AND, Wind erosion rate is less than or equal to T.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Drainage and erosion control measures are implemented on roads, trails and landings to minimize detrimental effects of concentrated flow, erosion and sedimentation; AND, Stream crossings are restored and stabilized.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

The land adjacent to a stream, river, or other waterbody on the side or sides you control does: - have diverse, natural plant cover typical to that along streams in your area, - extend from the stream bank/shoreline for a distance of 35 feet or (if applicable) the minimum State buffer-width requirement, whichever is greater; AND, Have few places where concentrated runoff flows through.

Yes No

Plant cover controls active erosion and runoff from normal rain events; AND, Litter dams are minimized.

Yes No

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Elevated Water Temperature

Planning Criteria

Water courses on or adjacent to the site are not designated by a State Agency as a temperature impairment; OR, The SVAP2 - riparian area quality element score is ≥ 5 ; AND, The SVAP2 - riparian area quantity element score is ≥ 5 ; AND, The SVAP2 - canopy cover element score is ≥ 6 ; OR, Existing conservation practices are in place to address water temperature. If water courses are not present, set this planning criteria to NA.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Surface water temperatures do not limit use for fish, wildlife, invertebrates, or other intended purposes. If waterbodies are not present on this land management system, set the test statement to NA.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Air Quality Impacts

Emissions of Particulate Matter (PM) and PM Precursors

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Management activities do not contribute to agricultural source particulate matter (PM) or PM precursor emissions; AND, documented episodes or complaints of emissions of PM (dust, smoke, exhaust, etc.), or chemical drift have not occurred. PM producing activity examples are: Prescribed Burn is conducted, Travel ways unpaved or untreated with binding agents, Engines (combustion source), Tillage, Pesticides are applied, Fertilization (manure/commercial), CAFO/manure management.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Dust is controlled on all non-vegetated, unpaved travel ways. If non-vegetated or unpaved travel ways are not used or planned, set this test statement to YES.

Yes No

Prescribed Burning activities are timed and implemented to ensure basic smoke management practices are applied. If Prescribed Burning is not used, set this test statement to NA.

Yes No

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Emissions of Ozone Precursors

Planning Criteria

Operations that produce ozone precursor emissions are not present; OR, or are managed to reduce emissions. Ozone precursor producing activities may include: Engines (combustion source), Pesticide application, Burning, CAFO /manure management, or fertilization (manure/commercial).

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

If prescribed burning is used a prescribed burning plan is followed that includes all applicable smoke management practices.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

Pesticides are not applied; OR, an IPM plan is followed which reduces ozone precursors. IPM includes applications of pesticides, including fumigants, be applied in a way that emissions of ozone precursors are reduced; Application methods may include: spot spraying, pest/target sensing application equipment, alternative pesticide formulations, or low emission fumigation methods.

Yes No

Emission of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)

Planning Criteria

Activities that produce GHGs emissions are not present: OR, activities that produce GHGs emissions are managed to reduce those emissions; AND, Carbon sequestration is enhanced through reduced tillage methods or other practices. GHG producing activities that should be considered include: Fertilization (manure/commercial), Tillage methods, grazing management, and forestry practices; AND GHGs are not regulated in this planning area.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Forage Supply and Demand Balance is achieved.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Degraded Plant Condition

Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health

Planning Criteria

Vegetation meets similarity index or range condition score of 60 or greater for desired plant community and has a positive trend; OR, Range Health Assessment - biotic integrity attribute rating - is slight to moderate departure or less.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Grazing is periodically deferred to improve or maintain plant vigor.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

Plant yield, vigor, and quality are as expected.

Yes No

Inadequate Structure and Composition

Planning Criteria

Plant communities contain adequate diversity, composition and structure to support desired ecological functions; OR, the Range Health Assessment - biotic integrity attribute rating is slight to moderate departure or less; OR, Vegetation meet similarity index of 60 or greater for desired plant community and has a positive trend.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

The current plants provide the desired habitat structure and composition. State identified invasive plants and noxious weeds are controlled.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Excessive Plant Pest Pressure

Planning Criteria

Plant pest damage to plants is below economic or environmental thresholds; AND, plant pests, including noxious and invasive species are managed.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Invasive and noxious weeds are controlled or are not present.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

The current plants provide the desired plant community for the site.

Yes No

Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation

Planning Criteria

Wildfire hazards is not a concern; OR, Fuel loads and fuel ladders are managed to provide defensible space.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Trees, shrubs, and vines are managed in a manner to reduce ladder fuels.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

Sites needing wildfire protection or using Prescribed Burning have a permanent or temporary strip of bare or vegetated land (i.e. Fuel Break) that retards fire.

Yes No

Active management occurs to avoid excessive buildup of likely wildfire fuels.

Yes No

A prescribed burn plan has been developed and followed by competent, trained fire personnel, where needed.

Yes No

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Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat

Inadequate Habitat - Food

Planning Criteria

The WHSI rating is ≥ 0.5 ; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is ≥ 7 ; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is ≥ 7 ; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, Food is available in quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Plants growing are expected, desired, and suited to the site. Existing forbs and woody species meet state specified amounts expected for the ecological site descriptions.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

The WHSI rating is ≥ 0.5 ; AND, (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is ≥ 7 ; AND, the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is ≥ 7 ; AND, the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is ≥ 7 ; OR conservation practices and management practices are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, habitat cover is of available quality and extent to support requirements for the species of interest.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Plant growth and cover is managed to develop and maintain habitat to help chosen wildlife species. (see State Wildlife Action Plan)

Yes No

The pond/lake, which supports a natural or planted fish population, is managed: -to exclude livestock, -to control nuisance species and undesirable aquatic vegetation controlled, -to complies with state and local regulations when stocking the pond, AND -use of a buffer zone of diverse, natural plant cover at least 35 feet wide.

Yes No

The stream(s) have: - a natural, unaltered configuration, with minimal channel straightening, dredging, or bank alteration by armoring with rip-rap or other non-natural materials, - stable banks with limited erosion or bank failure; AND, human uses and/or grazing levels that do not negatively impact bank condition. If streams are not present on the land management system, set the test statement to NA.

Yes No

Grazing heights are maintained at a minimum of 6 inches average over winter for mid/tall grass plant communities; AND, 4 inches average over winter for shortgrass plant communities.

Yes No

Designated areas are planted as food and habitat for pollinators/beneficial insects. For example, planted to nectar and pollen producing plants and protected from disruption--chemical, biological, or mechanical.

Yes No

Livestock access to stream(s) is controlled; OR, livestock access is limited to small watering or crossing areas

Yes No

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Inadequate Habitat - Water

Planning Criteria

The WHSI rating is ≥ 0.5 ; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is ≥ 7 ; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, Water is available in quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Water for habitat is accessible and at the right depth, duration, and time of year for chosen wildlife species (See State Wildlife Action Plan)

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

The WHSI rating is ≥ 0.5 ; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is ≥ 7 ; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is ≥ 7 ; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, The connectivity of habitat components are adequate to support stable populations of target species.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Designated areas are planted as habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects. Non-cropped area protected from disruption during nesting and foraging periods--chemical, biological, or mechanical.

Yes No

Connectivity between food resources and cover and shelter is provided for the target wildlife species. (see State Wildlife Action Plan)

Yes No

Existing fences allow wildlife movement without harm.

Yes No

In-stream structures (i.e. dam, diversion structure, bridge, culvert, low-water stream crossing, etc.) allow for the upstream and downstream movement of fish and other aquatic animals throughout most of the year.

Yes No

The land adjacent to a stream, river, or other waterbody on the side or sides you control does: - have diverse, natural plant cover typical to that along streams in your area; AND, Extend from the stream bank or shoreline for a distance of 35 feet; OR, (if applicable) The minimum State buffer-width requirement, whichever is greater.

Yes No

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Livestock Production Limitation

Inadequate Feed and Forage

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Livestock forage, roughage, and supplemental nutritional requirements are met.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Plants growing are expected, desired, suited to the site and provide sufficient dietary needs and production goals of the livestock.

Yes No

Inadequate Shelter

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Artificial or natural shelters meet animal health needs.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Adequate shelter is provided to meet the needs of the livestock throughout the period the land management system (LMS) is utilized by livestock. If livestock do not use this LMS, set the test statement to NA.

Yes No

Inadequate Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Water of acceptable quality and quantity is adequately distributed to meet animal needs.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

The livestock have enough drinking water of good quality. If livestock do not use this land management system, set the test statement to NA.

Yes No