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Soil Erosion

Sheet and Rill Erosion

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Permanent ground cover greater than 90% and slope less than 10%;
OR, The water erosion rate is less than or equal to T.

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

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 greater than 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 Pasture Condition Score (PCS) -plant cover element score is greater than or equal to 4; AND, the PCS - plant residue element score is greater than or equal to 4.

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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Insufficient Water

Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water

Planning Criteria

The irrigation system components and management result in a Farm Irrigation Rating Index greater than 60; AND, Meets applicable State in-stream flow and lake and pond water levels requirements. If the land management system is not irrigated, set this planning criteria to NA.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

An irrigation water management (IWM) plan is followed that meets the crop's needs, while maximizing irrigation water efficiency. The IWM plan schedules water application based on soil moisture monitoring and/or evapotranspiration monitoring, measures and records the amount of water used to irrigate, and the irrigation system's distribution uniformity has been evaluated and necessary changes were made. If the land management system is not irrigated, 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

Nutrients in Surface water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied and grazing unit is not adjacent to streams, ponds, or lakes and there are no confined livestock areas; OR, The Pasture Condition Score - streambank/shoreline erosion element score is greater than or equal to 4; AND, The Pasture Condition Score - livestock concentration areas element score is greater than or equal to 4; AND, Nutrients are applied and based on a soil test, tissue test or nutrient budget.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

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

Yes No

Nutrients are not applied; OR, If nutrients are applied, they do not degrade surface water quality; AND, Water use is not limited by nutrient levels.

Yes No

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Nutrients in Groundwater

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied ; OR, Nutrient and amendment applications are based on soil or tissue tests and nutrient budgets for realistic yields and conservation practices; AND, Management activities are in place to minimize ground water impacts.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Grazing management in close proximity to sinkholes does not degrade groundwater. If sinkholes are not in close proximity to this land management system, set the test statement to YES.

Yes No

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

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Planning Criteria Met

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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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Excessive Sediment in Surface Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Permanent ground cover greater than 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 greater than or equal to 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.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

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

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.

Yes No

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Air Quality Impacts

Emissions of Ozone Precursors

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

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).

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

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

Planning Criteria Met

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.

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Nitrogen is not applied: OR, nitrogen is applied as close as possible to crop uptake (within 30 days prior to crop planting or greenup) at recommended application rates.

Yes No

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Degraded Plant Condition

Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health

Planning Criteria

The Pasture Condition Score is 30 or above. Plants are adapted to the site, meet production goals and do not negatively impact other resources.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

Plants are perennial, adapted to the site, maintained at minimal stubble heights, productive and healthy.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

Inadequate Structure and Composition

Planning Criteria

Plant communities contain adequate diversity, composition and structure to support desired ecological functions for the ecological site.

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

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

Weeds, insects, and diseases do not limit crop production.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat

Inadequate Habitat - Food

Planning Criteria

The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 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.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter

Planning Criteria

The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 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.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes No

Evaluation Tests

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

Evaluation Test Met

Yes No

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

Yes No

Haying operations include at least two of the following activities: (a) harvest occurs from the center of the field outward to provide better escape cover, (b) flushing bars are mounted on harvesting equipment, (c) mowing occurs during daylight hours, or (d) mowing speeds are reduced during primary nesting season.

Yes No

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Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 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

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

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

The existing forage quantity and quality are expected to meet the livestock needs and goals.

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