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Soil Erosion

Sheet and Rill Erosion

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Permanent ground cover $>$ 90% and slope less than 10%; OR, The water erosion rate is less than or equal to T.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est 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 Crit	eria Met
Permanent ground cover >90% and slope less than 10%; OR, The wind erosion rate is less than or equal to T.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met
The areas integrated with trees are covered with leaves, needles, fine woody debris, rocks, and/or herbaceous vegetation that protects the soil on more than 90% of the area.	Yes	No
Classic Gully Erosion		
Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria 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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Planning Criteria	Planning C	riteria Met
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.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation	Test Met
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	Yes	No 🗌



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Soil Quality Degradation

Organic Matter Depletion

Planning Criteria	Planning	Criteria Met
Organic matter within the soil does not cause resource resource management issues. Determined and document evaluation methods.	200	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation	n Test Met
There are no areas of extensive bare ground, or largely areas. Vegetation and organic matter are managed appr	2 2 1	No 🗌
Compaction		
Planning Criteria	Planning	Criteria Met
Soil compaction is not a problem: AND, Activities do r compaction problems AND can be documented with pr conservation planning or other on-site evaluation metho	rior	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation	n Test Met
Soil compaction is limited to roads, trails, and landings trails, and landings are properly maintained as to not caresource concerns		No 🗌



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Subsidence

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Histisols are managed so as to not exhibit signs of subsidence. Determined and documented with soil survey documentation or other on-site evaluation methods.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
The forest O horizon is covered with leaves, needles, fine woody debris, rocks, and/or herbaceous vegetation that protects the soil on more than 90% of the area. There is no artificial drainage operating on the site. If histisols are not present on this land management system, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No



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Insufficient Water

Inefficient Moisture Management

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Moisture management is not a problem and activities do not cause inefficient moisture management problems. Soil loss is less than or equal to T.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation T	est Met
Plant species are suitable for the site and moisture management is not a problem; And, Management activities do not cause inefficient moisture management problems.	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 Te	est 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
Pes	sticides in Ground Water		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria 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 Te	est 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; AND, 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



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Nutrients in Surface Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met		
Nutrient and amendment applications are based on soil or tissue tests and nutrient budgets for realistic yields; AND, conservation practices and managements are in place to minimize ground water impacts.	Yes	No	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation	Test Met	
Livestock access to streams is limited to short periods of time and small areas.	Yes	No	
Filter strips that are at least 30 feet wide are established and maintained on all areas in the land management system where filter strips are applicable.	Yes	No	
Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications in Surface Water			
Planning Criteria	Planning C	riteria Met	
Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not applied on the land; OR, Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to	Yes	No 🗌	
mitigate negative impacts to surface water sources.			
	Evaluation	Test Met	



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	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria 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 Te	st 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
<u>Pe</u>	troleum, Heavy Metal and Other Pollutants Transported t	o Ground W	<u>ater</u>
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria 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 Te	st 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



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Excessive Sediment in Surface Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	teria Met
There are no untreated sources of erosion and streams or shoreline a not on or adjacent to site; OR, Upslope treatment and buffer practice address concentrated flows to water bodies; AND, Heavy use areas stable; AND, The SVAP2 - bank condition is >= 5.	es	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met
All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized; OR, Temporary or permanent rills and gullies do not exist.	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 restore and stabilized.	Yes	No
Established filter strips are at least 20 feet wide and maintained whe filter strips are applicable. If filter strips are not applicable on this la management system, set the test statement to NA.		No
Elevated Water Temperature		
Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	teria Met
Water courses on or adjacent to the site are not designated by a State Agency as a temperature impairment; OR, The SVAP2 - riparian are 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 pla to address water temperature. If water courses are not present, set the planning criteria to NA.	ace	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met
More than 50% of the water surface is shaded on the length of the stream/river for this land management system. If waterbodies are no present on this land management system, set the test statement to Na		No 🗌



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Air Quality Impacts

Emissions of Particulate Matter (PM) and PM Precursors

Planning Criteria	Planning C	riteria 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 🗌



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Emissions of Ozone Precursors

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria 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 Te	st Met
	If prescribed burning is used a prescribed burning plan is followed that includes all applicable smoke management practices.	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
<u>En</u>	nission of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria 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 Te	st Met
	The forest is managed to promote carbon sequestration by selecting species with high growth rates or species with long lifespans that are capable of reaching a large size.	Yes	No



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Degraded Plant Condition

Inadequate Structure and Composition

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Plant communities contain adequate diversity, composition and structure to support desired ecological functions for the ecological site.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met
The current plants provide the desired habitat structure and composition. State identified invasive plants and noxious weeds are controlled.	Yes	No
Excessive Plant Pest Pressure		
Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	teria Met
Plant pest damage to plants is below economic or environmental thresholds; AND, plant pests, including noxious and invasive species are managed.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met
Invasive and noxious weeds are controlled or are not present.	Yes	No 🗌
Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation		
Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	teria Met
Wildfire hazards is not a concern; OR, Fuel loads and fuel ladders are managed to provide defensible space.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met
Wildfire risk to sensitive sites are controlled by treatment, removal or modification of vegetation, debris and detritus in a strip or area	Yes	No 🗌



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Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat

Inadequate Habitat - Food

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
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.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Designated areas are planted as food and habitat for pollinators/beneficial insects; AND, Protected from disruption. For example, planted to nectar and pollen producing plants and protected from disruption - chemical, biological, or mechanical.	Yes	No



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Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter

Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria 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 🗌
Designated areas are planted as food and habitat for pollinators/beneficial insects. For example, planted to nectar and pollen producing plants and protected from disruptionchemical, biological, or mechanical.	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



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Inadequate Habitat - Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	riteria Met
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.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Water for habitat is accessible and at the right depth, duration, and time of year for chosen wildlife species (See State Wildlife Action Plan)	Yes	No



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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 periodschemical, 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 🗌
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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Inefficient Energy Use

Equipment and Facilities

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	riteria Met	
	If equipment, motors, pumps, etc. are used or located on Associated Agricultural Land (AAL), are they commercially available improved efficiency models or have they received manufacturer approved upgrades.	Yes	No	
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met		
	Pumps, motors, wells, etc. located on the land management system are improved efficiency models.	Yes	No	
<u>Fa</u>	rming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations			
	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met		
	Equipment or implements used on Associated Agricultural Land (AAL) for agricultural uses are improved efficiency models.	Yes	No	
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met		
	Pumps, motors, wells, etc. located on the land management system are improved efficiency models	Yes	No	