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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 T	est Met
	All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized. All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.	Yes	No
C]	lassic Gully Erosion		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	teria 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 T	est 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	Planning Cr	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 7	Гest Met



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Soil Quality Degradation

Organic Matter Depletion

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Organic matter within the soil does not cause resource concerns or resource management issues. Determined and documented by on-sevaluation methods.	100 100
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
There are no areas of extensive bare ground, or largely unvegetate areas. Vegetation and organic matter are managed appropriately.	d Yes No
Compaction	
Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Soil compaction is not a problem: AND, Activities do not cause so compaction problems AND can be documented with prior conservation planning or other on-site evaluation methods.	oil Yes No No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met
Soil compaction is limited to roads, trails, and landings; AND, Roatrails, and landings are properly maintained as to not cause associates resource concerns	



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Concentration of Salts and other Chemicals

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Salinity/sodicity problems do not exist: OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place to mitigate on-site effects.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Manure from AFO/CAFO is managed and stored in a manner to prevent excessive accumulation or off-site movement of salts and other chemicals. If there are no AFO/CAFO on the land management system, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No 🗌



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Excess Water

Runoff and Flooding and Ponding

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
	Runoff, flooding, and ponding is managed to minimize the impact on conservation measures and/or farmstead areas.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
	Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled to the point that it does not cause damaging runoff, flooding or ponding.	Yes	No
<u>Se</u>	asonal High Water Table		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
	Excess water resulting from a seasonal high water table is managed to prevent significant negative effects to conservation measures and/or crop production. If seasonal high water tables do not exist, set this planning criteria to NA.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met



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Water Quality Degradation

Nutrients in Ground water

	Planning Criteria		Planning Criteria Met	
	Liquid manure is not stored; OR, Liquid manure storages have a liner to reduce seepage to groundwater sources.	Yes	No 🗌	
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation To	est Met	
	Liquid manure is not stored; OR, liquid manure storages have a liner to reduce seepage to groundwater sources.	Yes	No 🗌	
Pe	esticides in Surface 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 To	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	



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	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	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	st 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
Νι	<u>itrients in Surface Water</u>		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
	Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied and AFO/CAFO is not present; OR, Nutrient and amendment applications are based on soil or tissue tests and nutrient budgets for realistic yields; AND, Manure is managed and stored to eliminate off-site movement; AND, Conservation practices and management activitiess are in place to minimize surface water impacts.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met
	Manure and untreated runoff from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO is stopped from entering nearby streams, drainage ditches, and irrigation ditches.	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 Te	est Met
Livestock access to stream is controlled; OR, Livestock are limited to small watering or crossing areas.	Yes	No 🗌
Animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO do not exist on the land management system; OR, Manure and untreated runoff from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO is stopped from entering nearby streams, drainage ditches, and irrigation ditches.	Yes	No
Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or in Ground Water	Compost A	<u>pplications</u>
Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria 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 Te	est Met
Water well(s) does not exist; OR, Any water well(s) is located at least 100 feet from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO OR runoff from these areas is treated; OR, An impervious barrier around the well prevents seepage into the groundwater.	Yes	No



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Petroleum, Heavy Metal and Other Pollutants Transported to Surface Water

	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria N	1et
	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 Me	t
	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	to Ground Water	
	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria M	1et
	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	
	heavy metals and other pollutants. If present, potential pollutants are	Yes No Evaluation Test Me	t



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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 are not on or adjacent to site; OR, Upslope treatment and buffer practices address concentrated flows to water bodies; AND, Heavy use areas are stable; AND, The SVAP2 - bank condition is >= 5.	Yes	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 restored and stabilized.	Yes	No
Established filter strips are at least 20 feet wide and maintained when filter strips are applicable. If filter strips are not applicable on this land management system, set the test statement to NA.	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
Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled to the point that it does not cause erosion or concentrated streams of water.	Yes	No



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Air Quality Impacts

Emissions of Particulate Matter (PM) and PM Precursors

Yes No	
Evaluation Test Met	
Yes No No	
Planning Criteria Me	et
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Objectionable Odors

Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
The score bars in the NAQSAT report are at least 50% green for all of these sectors (or appropriate documentation is provided to indicate why an applicable score bar does not need to be at least 50% green): Mortalities, Manure Storage, Feed and Water, Land Application, and Animals and Housing data categories under Odor; Manure Storage, Feed and Water, and Animals and Housing data categories under Volatile organic compounds; Manure Storage and Feed and Water data categories under Hydrogen sulfide; and, Manure Storage, Feed and Water, Land Application, Animals and Housing, and Collection and Transfer data categories under Ammonia.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	est Met
AFO/CAFO does not exist on the land management system; AND, documented episodes or complaints of odor nuisance have not occurred. If AFO/CAFO exists, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No
Composting is managed to reduce objectionable odors; AND, documented episodes or complaints of odor nuisance have not occurred. If composting does not occur, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No



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<u>Degraded Plant Condition</u>

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 Test 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 Criteria 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 Test Met	
	Invasive and noxious weeds are controlled or are not present.	Yes	No
Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation			
	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Wildfire hazards is not a concern; OR, Fuel loads and fuel ladders are managed to provide defensible space.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
	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 🗌



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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	
Plants provide nectar and pollen sources for pollinators and beneficial insects as well as providing adequate food for browsing animals	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 🗌	



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Inadequate Habitat - Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria 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 Te	st Met
Developments in the flood plain, stream water withdrawals, flow augmentation, or water control structures may be present, but do not significantly alter the natural flow regime.	Yes	No
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
Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)		
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 - 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	
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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Inefficient Energy Use

Equipment and Facilities

Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	Planning Criteria Met	
On-farm renewable energy and/or energy conserving practices have been implemented and energy savings can be documented by operational adherence to an NRCS approved Energy Audit or the us of various energy saving calculators.		No	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	Evaluation Test Met	
Energy loss from lighting, drying, refrigeration, cooling, heating, or building insulation has been improved.	Yes	No	
Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations			
Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	Planning Criteria Met	
On-farm renewable energy and/or energy conserving practices have been implemented and energy savings can be documented by operational adherence to an NRCS approved Energy Audit or the us of various energy saving calculators.		No	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	Evaluation Test Met	
Energy loss from lighting, drying, refrigeration, cooling, heating, or building insulation has been improved.	Yes	No	