

## 2004 GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (GRP) RANKING WORKSHEET

(Minimum parcel size eligible for enrollment is 40 acres unless otherwise approved)

CLIENT/LANDOWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NRCS OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_ FARM No. \_\_\_\_\_ TRACT No.: \_\_\_\_\_

ACREAGE OFFERED: \_\_\_\_\_ acres ESTIMATED TOTAL RENTAL/EASEMENT COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RANKING COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Ranking to be completed by NRCS)

RANKING ELEMENT		POINTS ALLOWED	POINTS AWARDED
<b>THREAT OF CONVERSION</b> [select only one conversion category and a single condition within the selected category]			
<b>Category I</b>	Established residential/industrial building developments located less than 1 mile from an outer boundary of target property	115	
	Established residential/industrial building developments located less than 3 mile from an outer boundary of target property	100	
	Established residential/industrial building developments located less than 10 air miles from an outer boundary of target property	85	
	Established residential/industrial building developments located more than 10 air miles and less than 25 air miles from an outer boundary of target property	75	
	Established residential/industrial building developments located more than 25 air miles from an outer boundary of target property	0	
<b>Category II</b>	Proposed residential/industrial building developments to be located less than 1 mile from an outer boundary of target property ( <i>proposed projects filed with County Planning Department</i> )	110	
	Proposed residential/industrial building developments to be located less than 3 air miles from an outer boundary of target property ( <i>proposed projects filed with County Planning Department</i> )	90	
	Proposed residential/industrial building developments to be located 10 or less air miles from an outer boundary of target property ( <i>proposed projects filed with County Planning Department</i> )	75	
	Proposed residential/industrial building developments to be located more than 10 air miles from an outer boundary of target property ( <i>proposed projects filed with County Planning Department</i> )	0	
<b>Category III</b>	Density of constructed housing ( <i>vacation homes and primary residences situated on land parcels of 40 acres or less</i> ) within 5 mile radius of target property has increased more than 50% through previous 5-year period.	80	
	Density of constructed housing ( <i>vacation homes and primary residences situated on land parcels of 40 acres or less</i> ) within 5 mile radius of target property has increased at least 25% through previous 5-year period.	50	
	Density of constructed housing ( <i>vacation homes and primary residences situated on land parcels of 40 acres or less</i> ) within 5 mile radius of target property has increased less than 25% through previous 5-year period.	0	

**2004 GRP RANKING WORKSHEET** *(continued)*

RANKING ELEMENT		POINTS ALLOWED	POINTS AWARDED
<b>TERM (LENGTH) OF RENTAL AGREEMENT OR EASEMENT</b>			
Permanent Easement		20	
30-year Easement		15	
30-year Rental Agreement		10	
20-year Rental Agreement		8	
15-year Rental Agreement		5	
10-year Rental Agreement		1	
<b>LOCATION</b>			
Offered property is located in Washoe County (south of 40° latitude); Municipality of Carson City; Douglas County; Mason Valley or Smith Valley (Lyon Co.); or is within Truckee River, Carson River, or Walker River corridors (within ½ mile of active river channel)		15	
Offered property is not located in the areas specified above.		0	
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE OFFERED</b>			
Score one (1) point for every 40 acres offered above 80 acre base ( <i>10 points maximum</i> )		10	
Offered acreage is less than 80 acres		0	
<b>LAND USE</b> (amount of offered property that supports predominantly <i>native</i> herbaceous plants and shrubs)			
>70%	Acres _____	15	
≥30% and ≤70%	Acres _____	10	
<30%	Acres _____	0	
<b>GRAZING OPERATIONS</b>			
Offered property is an integral component of existing livestock grazing operation and: <i>(add additional ranking points as listed below)</i>		10	
Productivity of offered property averages ≤ 2 acres/Animal Unit Month (AUM)		5	
Productivity of offered property averages > 2 acres/AUM and ≤ 8 acres/AUM		3	
Productivity of offered property averages > 8 acres/AUM		2	
Offered property is not part of a livestock grazing operation ( <i>not grazed</i> )		0	
<b>HABITAT and BIODIVERSITY</b> (chose one condition that best describes property)			
Offered property abuts existing natural preserve area ( <i>i.e.</i> , state or national park, wildlife refuge, wetland reserve, wilderness area, or other permanent type of undeveloped land reserve)		20	
Offered property recognized by state or federal agencies as providing habitat for, or supporting populations of, sensitive, threatened, or endangered plants or animals. List Species: _____		15	
Offered property supports native grassland/rangeland plant communities that are in high ecological condition and can serve as reference areas for evaluating native plant community dynamics.		10	
Offered property is subject to encroachment of noxious weeds or invasive plants (including juniper and/or pinyon trees) that threaten a loss of plant and animal diversity and reduction in productivity. Land restoration needs are unnecessary or only minimal. Following a NRCS conservation plan will reduce threat.		8	
Offered property provides important habitat for a variety of wildlife species (offers travel corridors for big game, critical seasonal habitat, etc.)		5	

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 210

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM RANKING WORKSHEET FY2004

### Ranking Worksheet is to be Completed by NRCS

*Score points for ranking elements only if the element considered  
is appropriate for the offered property*

**1. THREAT OF CONVERSION:** 115 Points Maximum

The risk of conversion to non-agricultural use for grazing lands in Nevada is separated into three categories. Select the category that is most appropriate for the property being evaluated and then rate the relative threat following guidelines on the ranking worksheet. Public lands that abut the offered property, or that present a barrier to encroachment of development on the offered property, must be considered in assessing the threat of conversion.

- Category I refers to established developments where constructed buildings/homes are in place.
- Category II is selected where a proposed subdivision/industrial park has been approved by the County Planning Commission but construction has yet to begin.
- Category III is self explanatory. A ranking in Category III requires a statement (by the NRCS technician completing the ranking) that describes how this determination is made. Attach this statement to the ranking worksheet.

***Chose the appropriate Category (only one) and rate only one condition within the selected category.***

**2. TERM OF RENTAL AGREEMENT OR EASEMENT:** 20 Points Maximum

Score points as listed on the ranking worksheet for the type of agreement and term (length of time) landowner has agreed to offer the property for enrollment into the Grassland Reserve Program

**3. LOCATION:** 15 Points Maximum

Score points where offered property is located within the areas listed on worksheet. The 40° latitude passes through the southern portion of Pyramid Lake in Washoe County.

**4. TOTAL ACREAGE OFFERED:** 10 Points Maximum

No points are allowed for property offerings less than 80 acres. For every 40 acre block of offered property above the base of 80 acres, score 1 additional ranking point. A maximum of 10 points is allowed. A land offering of 480 acres (or more) will score the maximum of 10 points. No points are scored for partial acreage increases that are less than 40 acres (*i.e.*, a 475 acre land offering will score 9 points).

**5. LAND USE:** 15 Points Maximum

Score points as listed on the ranking worksheet for the amount of offered property where the present vegetation is composed primarily of native perennial herbaceous plants and native shrubs. Enter the number of acres in native vegetation within the offered property and the percent of total offered property this acreage represents. For example, if the offered property totals 320 acres and native plant communities within this property cover 167 acres (representing 52% of the total property), 167 acres is entered in the space provided on the worksheet for this ranking element in the row listing amount as  $\geq 30\%$  and  $\leq 70\%$ . For this example, a score of 10 points is entered in the **POINTS AWARDED** column.

**6. GRAZING OPERATIONS:** 15 Points Maximum

Score 10 points for the offered property if the property is presently grazed by livestock and is part of an active livestock operation. Score additional points based on the *average* productivity estimated for the land area used by grazing animals within the offered property.

**7. HABITAT AND BIODIVERSITY:** 20 Points Maximum

Score points as listed for the one (1) condition that best describes the offered property.