



## RIM GRASSLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS SCORING SHEET

Landowner name	County/SWCD Office

Offer must meet these minimum criteria to be eligible:

- Offer meets minimum enrollment size (8 acres) or meets waiver requirements.
- A minimum scoring threshold may be set based on applications received.

**Total  
Score**

<b>1</b>	<b>Prairie Plan Priority Areas</b> <i>(maximum score 20 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Prairie Core – 20 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Prairie Corridor – 15 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Strategic Habitat Complex – 10 points</div>			

<b>2</b>	<b>Risk of conversion of remnant</b> <i>(maximum score 15 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">High (relatively flat, well-drained, easily accessible) – 15 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Moderate (moderately flat, mesic soils, could be accessible) – 10 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Low (steep, poorly drained, rocky, difficult to access) – 0 points</div>			

<b>3</b>	<b>Proximity to protected grassland complexes over 160 acres within Prairie Core, Prairie Corridor, or Strategic Habitat Complex</b> <i>(maximum score 15 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Immediately adjacent – 15 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Within ½ mile – 10 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Within 1 mile – 5 points</div>			

<b>4</b>	<b>Site characteristics – check all that apply</b> <i>(maximum score 15 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Wetland or potential for wetland restoration – 5 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Adjacent to a public water – 5 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Threatened or Endangered species within ½ mile – 5 points</div>			

<b>5</b>	<b>Vegetative diversity</b> <i>(maximum score 10 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Greater than 20 native prairie species – 10 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">5 to 20 native prairie species – 5 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;">Less than 5 native prairie species – 0 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Restoration needed: Re-seeding, Site dominated by invasive species, Woody encroachment – 10-point penalty</div>			

<b>6</b>	<b>Easement size</b> <i>(maximum score 15 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">Greater than 80 acres – 15 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">41 – 80 acres – 10 points</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">10 – 40 acres – 5 points</div> <div style="padding-bottom: 5px;">Less than 10 acres – 0 points</div>			

<b>7</b>	<b>Remnant prairie buffer</b> <i>(maximum score 10 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">The offer contains a minimum average buffer of 30 feet, or a 30-foot buffer is already in place – 10 points</div> <div style="padding-bottom: 5px;">The offer does not contain a minimum average buffer of 30 feet – 0 points</div>			

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<b>8</b>	<b>Unique features (optional)</b> <i>(additional maximum score up to 10 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<p>List unique features on site. This may be ecological, geological, archaeological, historical, etc. that warrant additional consideration for protection not recognized elsewhere in the Scoresheet.</p> <p><b><i>This section will be scored by Program Manager(s), and those points will be additive to the total score.</i></b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 350px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>			

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