



## RIM GRAZING 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.

<b>Total Score</b>	
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<b>1</b>	<b>Approved NRCS Grazing Plan</b> <i>(maximum score 15 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<p>Approved and fully implemented grazing plan or recently expired EQIP contract – 15 points</p> <hr/> <p>Approved and partially implemented grazing plan or applied for EQIP and not funded – 10 points</p> <hr/> <p>Approved but not implemented grazing plan – 5 points</p>			

<b>2</b>	<b>Easement size</b> <i>(maximum score 20 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<p>Greater than 160 acres – 20 points</p> <hr/> <p>80 – 159 acres – 10 points</p> <hr/> <p>Less than 80 acres – 0 points</p>			

<b>3</b>	<b>Adjacent to permanently protected land</b> <i>(maximum score 5 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<p>Within 0.5 miles of other permanently protected lands – 5 points</p>			

<b>4</b>	<b>Landowner enrolled in Ag Water Quality Certification Program</b> <i>(maximum score 5 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<p>Yes – 5 points</p>			

<b>5</b>	<b>Shoreline Linear Feet: Total length of lakes, rivers, or public ditches in linear feet. Include both sides of the watercourse/water body as applicable. One point per 660 feet.</b> <i>(maximum score does not apply)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
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<b>6</b>	<b>Cropland Conversion</b> <i>(maximum score 16 points)</i>	<b>Score</b>	
<p>76 – 100% – 16 points</p> <hr/> <p>51 – 75% – 12 points</p> <hr/> <p>26 – 50% – 8 points</p> <hr/> <p>5 – 25% – 6 points</p>			

<b>7</b>	<b>Habitat score (maximum score 10 points)</b>	<b>Score</b>	
<p>Greater than 50% of offered area has a HIGH rank in Wildlife Action Network – 10 points</p> <hr/> <p>Greater than 50% of offered area has a MEDIUM-HIGH rank in Wildlife Action Network – 5 points</p>			

<b>8</b>	<b>Additional Wildlife Benefits (maximum score 10 points)</b>	<b>Score</b>	
<p>Gray – 0 points</p> <hr/> <p>Blue – 4 points</p> <hr/> <p>Green – 6 points</p> <hr/> <p>Yellow – 8 points</p> <hr/> <p>Red – 10 points</p>			

<b>9</b>	<b>Alternative watering: Another water source is available other than a natural watercourse/waterbody (maximum score 5 points)</b>	<b>Score</b>	
<p>Yes – 5 points</p>			

<b>10</b>	<b>Grazing site contributes to a Priority in 1W1P/Water Plan (maximum score 10 points)</b>	<b>Score</b>	
<p>Yes – 10 points</p>			

Program Manager Approval	FINAL SCORE
BWSR use only	