

Grassland Assessment Score Sheet ... PAGE 1

Date _____ Site _____ Observer(s) _____

Assessment booklet being used 1,2,5 or 3,4

Location: UTM Zone _____ N _____ E _____

Grassland Type _____

Description _____

Slope _____ Aspect _____ Elevation _____

Comments (weather, management changes) _____

Current Uses (circle): Livestock Recreation Wildlife Other

Management Objective(s) _____

1. Key Bunchgrass Cover (Booklets page 6) Use EITHER line a. OR line b. according to your Reference Condition Value or booklet number.

a. <input type="checkbox"/> Booklet 1, 2, 5: Reference Condition >50%	Assessed Cover Value	>50%	35-50%	20-34%	<20%	SCORE
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Booklet 3 or 4: Reference Condition >60%	Assessed Cover Value	>60%	40-60%	20-39%	<20%	
Assessed Cover Value _____%	Points	40	25	10	0	=

2. Plant Community Structure (Booklets page 11)

Layer	Reference Condition	Assessed Cover Value	Altered Layers			
Shrubs	%	%	YES	NO		
Tall Grasses and Forbs	%	%	YES	NO		
Medium Grasses and Forbs	%	%	YES	NO		
Low Grasses and Forbs	%	%	YES	NO		
Biological Crust	%	%	YES	NO		
Total Number of Altered Layers	0	1	2	3	4 or 5	
Points	10	6	2	1	0	=

3. Nutrient and Hydrological Cycling (Booklets 1-4 page 16; Booklet 5 page 18)

Litter Weight						
Reference Condition _____ kg/ha	% of Reference	>100%	50-99%	25-49%	<25%	
Assessed Litter Weight _____ kg/ha	Points	14	8	2	0	A
Litter Cover and Biological Crust Cover						
Assessed Litter Cover _____%	≥75%	25-74%	25-74%	<25%	<25%	
Assessed Biological Crust Cover _____%	0-100%	>25%	<25%	>25%	<25%	
Points	10	8	4	2	0	B
Total A + B						=

4. Site Stability (Booklets 1-4 page 21; Booklet 5 page 23)

Bare Soil: Reference Condition <5%	<5%	5-10%	11-20%	>20%		
Assessed Bare Soil Cover _____% Points	8	6	3	0	A	
Erosion Features: Reference Condition <5%	<5%	5-10%	11-20%	>20%		
Assessed Erosion Cover _____% Points	8	6	3	0	B	
Total A + B						=

5. Invasive Plants (Booklets 1-4 page 24; Booklet 5 page 26)

Reference Condition 0%	0	<1%	1-10%	>10%		
Assessed Cover _____% Points	5	3	1	0	A	
Assessed Distribution	None	Single patch or a few scattered individuals	Multiple Patches	Continuous		
Points	5	3	1	0	B	
Total A + B						=

Add scores from all five categories (= grey boxes) to get TOTAL SCORE

Grassland Status (circle one):	Reference 76-100%	Slightly Altered 51-75%	Moderately Altered 26-50%	Greatly Altered 0-25%
Apparent Trend (circle one):	Upward	Downward	Stable	Unknown

Plant Community Work Table

Shrubs Identified	Estimated Percent Cover
	%
	%
	%
	%
Total Cover (All Shrubs Combined)	%
Tall Grasses & Forbs	
	%
	%
	%
	%
Total Cover (All Tall Grasses and Forbs Combined)	%
Medium Grasses & Forbs	
	%
	%
	%
	%
Total Cover (All Medium Grasses and Forbs Combined)	%
Low Grasses & Forbs	
	%
	%
	%
	%
Total Cover (All Low Grasses and Forbs Combined)	%
Biological Crust	Total Biological Crust Cover
Invasive Plants	
	%
	%
	%
	%
Total Cover (All Invasive Plants Combined)	%

Comments
