

Ranch Owner/Operator \_\_\_\_\_ Location (legal/GPS) \_\_\_\_\_

Ecological Site and Pptn. Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Similarity Index \_\_\_\_\_

Technician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Observed Apparent Trend 1/**

(Check appropriate box in each category which best fits area being observed)

<b>VIGOR:</b>		
(10 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Desirable grasses, forbs, and shrubs are vigorous showing good health. These plants should have good size and color and produce abundant herbage.
(6 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Desirable grasses, forbs, and shrubs have moderate vigor. They are medium-sized with fair color and produce moderate amounts of herbage; some seed stalks and seedheads are present.
(2 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Desirable grasses, forbs and shrubs have low vigor. They appear unhealthy with small size and poor color. Portions of clumps or entire plants are dead or dying. Seed stalks and seedheads almost non-existent except in protected areas.
<b>SEEDLINGS:</b>		
(10 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is seedling establishment of desirable grasses, forbs, and shrubs. Seedlings are present in open spaces between plants and along edges of soil pedestals. Few seedlings of invader or undesirable plants are present.
(6 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some seedlings of desirable grasses, forbs, and shrubs may be present in open spaces between plants. Some seedlings of invader or undesirable plant species may be present.
(2 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Few if any seedlings of desirable grasses, forbs, and shrubs are being established. Seedlings of invader or undesirable plants are present.
<b>SURFACE LITTER:</b>		
(5 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Surface litter is accumulating in place. Soil capping not evident.
(3 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate movement of surface litter is apparent and deposited against obstacles. Some immature capping.
(1 pt.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very little surface litter is remaining. Mature capping evident.
<b>PEDESTALS:</b>		
(5 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Little visual evidence of pedestalling. Those pedestals present are sloping or rounding and accumulating litter. Desirable forage grasses may be found along edges of pedestals.
(3 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate plant pedestalling. No visual evidence of healing or deteriorating. Small rock and plant pedestals may be occurring in flow patterns.
(1 pt.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Most rocks and plants are pedestalled. Pedestals are sharpsided and eroding, often exposing grass roots.
<b>GULLIES:</b>		
(5 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gullies may be present in stable conditions with moderate sloping or rounded sides. Perennials should be establishing themselves on bottom and sides of channel.
(3 pts.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gullies are well developed with small amounts of active erosion. Some vegetation may be present.
(1 pt.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharply incised U-shaped gullies cover most of the area with most of the gullies actively eroding. Gullies are mostly devoid of perennial plants with fresh cutting of the bottom.

TOTAL=

RATING: Greater than 25 = upward      17-25 = static      Less than 17 = downward

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**  
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1/ This worksheet is intended solely as a guide. Credit: BLM, EIS, Drewsey Resource Area, Oregon.