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**Rangeland Health Evaluation Worksheet**

**NE-ECS-11**

Operator Name:		Pasture Name/No.	
Date:		Key Area No.	
Observer Name:		GPS Location	

Departure from Expected	Code	<b>Instructions for Evaluation Sheet, Page 2</b>  <i>Assign the 17 indicator ratings. If an indicator is not present, rate it None-Slight.</i>  <i>In the three grids on the back page, write the indicator number in the opposite column for each indicator that is applicable to the attribute.</i>  <i>Assign an overall rating for each attribute based on the preponderance of evidence.</i>  <i>Justify each attribute rating in writing.</i>
None to Slight	N-S	
Slight to Moderate	S-M	
Moderate	M	
Moderate to Extreme	M-E	
Extreme to Total	E-T	

Indicator	Rating	Comments
1. Rills	S and H	
2. Water-flow Patterns	S and H	
3. Pedestals and/or terracettes	S and H	
4. Bare Ground _____%	S and H	
5. Gullies	S and H	
6. Wind-scoured, blowouts, and/or deposition areas	S only	
7. Litter movement	S only	
8. Soil surface resistance to erosion	S, H and B	
9. Soil surface loss or degradation	S, H and B	
10. Plant community composition and distribution relative to infiltration	H only	
11. Compaction layer	S, H and B	
12. Functional/structural groups	B only	
13. Plant mortality/decadence	B only	
14. Litter amount	H and B	
15. Annual Production	B only	
16. Invasive Plants	B only	
17. Reproductive capability of perennial plants	B only	

<b>Soil and Site Stability</b>						<b>Attribute Rating Justification: Soil and Site Stability</b>				
		<b>E-T</b>	<b>M-E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>S-M</b>	<b>N-S</b>				
	<b>Rating</b>									
<b>Hydrologic Functions</b>						<b>Attribute Rating Justification: Hydrologic Function</b>				
		<b>E-T</b>	<b>M-E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>S-M</b>	<b>N-S</b>				
	<b>Rating</b>									
<b>Biotic Integrity</b>						<b>Attribute Rating Justification: Biotic Integrity</b>				
		<b>E-T</b>	<b>M-E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>S-M</b>	<b>N-S</b>				
	<b>Rating</b>									