

Date: _____

Observer: _____

Pasture/Location: _____



RANGELAND HEALTH CHECKLIST¹

| | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
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| 1. Are desirable forage species abundant? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Are noxious weeds rare or absent? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is there a variety of species of perennial plants? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Are the plants well distributed across the site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Is mulch present and well distributed across the site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Are all age classes of plants (seedling, young, mature) present? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Are preferred forage species accessible to grazing/browsing animals? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Do preferred forage species have adequate residual remaining after grazing? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Are lowly palatable plants grazed lightly or not at all? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Is gully erosion minimal or absent? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Is soil movement minimal? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Is $\geq 50\%$ of the ground covered by combination of plants, mulch, rock or gravel? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Are pedestalled plants rare or absent? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Do lichen lines on rocks extend to the soil surface? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Is the mulch becoming incorporated into the soil? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

General Comments/Observations:

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