

Endangered Species Act and Watershed Restoration/Management Criteria

Each question is reviewed by Department of Agriculture, New Mexico Environment Department, NM Game & Fish and Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department and the scores averaged

Contribution to Watershed Improvement	50
The proposed project is incorporated into a completed watershed, ecosystem restoration (include non-native phreatophyte and other ecosystem restoration projects), forest health or community wildlife protection plan. The project is considered a priority in the watershed, ecosystem restoration, forest health or community wildlife protection plan. The project will link completed, current, or planned priority projects across the landscape	0 - 10 points
There is a clear description of existing condition and associated problem. There is a clear description of how the project will improve the existing condition. The project have measurable results.	0 - 10 points
The project addresses a landscape-scale need (rather than a small isolated project). The project is for a limited area. The project involves a critical area treatment or otherwise impacts the larger landscape.	0 - 10 points
The project has a sustainable and effective plan for monitoring after completion. The project has a sustainable and effect plan for maintenance after completion.	0 - 10 points
The implementation team includes sufficient experienced personnel to perform the proposed activities	0 - 10 points
Attention to Health and Safety Concerns	10
The overall purpose of the project is to modify or break up the fuels in such a way as to lessen catastrophic fires and its threat to public and firefighter safety and damage to project. Project proposals should consider all elements required to implement treatments on the ground, which includes acquiring the necessary permits and consultations needed to complete plans and assessments	10 points
Project specifically and substantially provides human health or safety benefits, especially beyond other project objectives	7 - 9 points
Project specifically includes benefits for human health and safety that may range from indirect to basically addressed	3 - 6 points
Project has minimal human health and safety provisions when could be addressed	1 - 2 points
Project has no aspects that promote human health and safety benefits and may even be detrimental in that regard	0 points
Attention to Wildlife and Environmental Compatibility	10
Project has no negative effect on the watershed ecosystem, or employs highly effective mechanisms to adequately mitigate any impacts on threatened or endangered flora fauna	9 - 10 points
Project has some, but no serious, impact to watershed flora and fauna. Project employs highly effective mechanisms to adequately mitigate impacts for wildlife breeding habitats, or migration corridors. These impacts are addressed, but do not identify all ecosystem concerns or potential mitigants	7 - 8 points
Project has serious impacts to watershed flora and fauna or other important ecological attributes. These impacts are addressed, but do not identify how all the mitigation measures	5 - 6 points
Project impacts to watershed flora and fauna. These impacts are either not identified, or identified and not mitigated	1 - 4 points
Project makes no detectible efforts to promote water conservation or offset potable water demand	0 points
Local Contribution	10
Contributes hard match in excess of minimum required by greater than 20%	8 - 10 points
Exceeds minimum requirement match component by between 10% and 20%	6 - 7 points
Exceeds minimum requirement match component by less than 10%	4 - 5 points
Mandatory match component of between 10% and 20% (Minimum Match)	3 points
Less than Minimum Match secured	0 points

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Project Design & Execution	10
Project is well described, has either clear professional engagement or assigned local staff dedication, and has distinct project measures with assigned responsibility to monitor	10 points
Project is adequately designed and describes some enhancements that promote completion and accountability monitoring	7 - 9 points
Project is adequately designed and provides basic elements for minimum accomplishment completion and monitoring	3 - 6 points
Project is generally designed or described; questions of note remain about completion/manageability	1 - 2 points
Project description indicates little or no substantive devotion to design and oversight	0 points
Readiness & Long-term Project Stewardship	10
Project is ready to proceed (with funding commitments & review) and has full-term, experienced management in place	
Project is ready to proceed and describes overall substantive management plan	10 points
Project generally ready for nearest term components; management appears inadequate	7 - 9 points
Project not yet ready and long-term management ranges appears inadequate	3 - 6 points
Project is not realistically ready for execution or management	1 - 2 points
	0 points