# Rangeland Health Checklist

1. Are desirable forage species abundant? [ ] [ ]
2. Are noxious weeds rare or absent? [ ] [ ]
3. Is there a variety of species of perennial plants? [ ] [ ]
4. Are the plants well distributed across the site? [ ] [ ]
5. Is mulch present and well distributed across the site? [ ] [ ]
6. Are all age classes of plants (seedling, young, mature) present? [ ] [ ]
7. Are preferred forage species accessible to grazing/browsing animals? [ ] [ ]
8. Do preferred forage species have adequate residual remaining after grazing? [ ] [ ]
9. Are lowly palatable plants grazed lightly or not at all? [ ] [ ]
10. Is gully erosion minimal or absent? [ ] [ ]
11. Is soil movement minimal? [ ] [ ]
12. Is ≥ 50% of the ground covered by combination of plants, mulch, rock or gravel? [ ] [ ]
13. Are pedestalled plants rare or absent? [ ] [ ]
14. Do lichen lines on rocks extend to the soil surface? [ ] [ ]
15. Is the mulch becoming incorporated into the soil? [ ] [ ]

**General Comments/Observations:**

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