

Date: _____

Observer: _____

Pasture/Location: _____

RANGELAND HEALTH CHECKLIST¹

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
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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