

Application Date		SCORE	546.15
Landowner(s) Name			
FSA Control Number			
Location County	Armstrong		
FSA Adm County	Same as location co.		
Farm Number(s)			
Tract Number(s)			

Enrollment Option:	Easement
Duration:	Perpetuity
Easement GARC	\$ 500 per acre
Market Survey Value	\$ 556 per acre
Landowner Offer	\$ 1,200 per acre
Est. Easement Cost	\$ 236,500.00

Grassland Factor 1.00

Land Use Summary	Acres	Percent
Rangeland	473.0	100.00
Pastureland	0.0	0.00
Expiring CRP <small>Managed as:</small> Rangeland	0.0	0.00
Woodland (MLRA 133B & 152B)	0.0	0.00
Land to be Restored	0.0	0.00
TOTAL	473.0	100.00

Estimated Restoration Cost (50% c/s)
\$ -

Scoring Summary

Element	Factor	Source	Max Pts	Percent	Points
1	Conservation Plan	FO	100	7%	100.00
2	Sustainable Size	NASS	100	7%	26.66
3	Threat from development and population	Census	100	7%	19.49
4	Threat from conversion to cropland	NASS WebSS	200	15%	100.00
5	Threatened Eco-Regions	TPWD	50	4%	50.00
6	Proximity to other protected land	FO	50	4%	0.00
7	Plant Community Diversity	FO	200	15%	200.00
8	Lack of need for restoration	FO	50	4%	50.00
9	Within other targeted areas	FO	100	7%	0.00
10	Expiring CRP	FO	100	7%	0.00
11	Easement offer	Landowner	100	7%	0.00
12	Benefits to other resources	FO	200	15%	0.00
TOTAL			1350	100%	546.15

7 CFR 1415.8 Establishing priority for enrollment of properties
(c.) Ranking criteria shall emphasize support for:
(1) Grazing Operations

Element	Commitment to Conservation	Max Pts	Awarded Points	Grassland Score
1	Implementing Total RMS Plan <small>(Rangeland or Pastureland Only)</small>	100	100	100.00
	Implementing Progressive Plan <small>(Rangeland or Pastureland Only)</small>	50	0	0.00
	Expiring CRP	30	30	0.00
	No Plan, Cropland to be restored or Woodland	0	0	0.00
				100.00

Element 2

Enrolled area is of sustainable size that will permit long term grazing.

Size of land to be enrolled in GRP in relation to the average size of farms or ranches for the county according to 2007 USDA NASS. Points awarded for size of enrolled land compared to the county average. Max 100 points for land equal or exceeding county average. (grassland only)

Enrolled Acres	473.0		
Average Size Farm/Ranch for County	1774		
Difference from county average	-73.3	Percent	Below
Points	26.7		

(2) Protection of grasslands from threat of conversion to uses other than grazing.

Element 3 Conversion of grasslands to development.

Threat of conversion due increase in population (2002-2009 US Census) and population density (2000 US Census). Sum of the county rankings in population change and population density. (grassland only)

County Ranking for Population Change	181	of 254
County Ranking for Population Density	228	of 254
Sum of Rankings	409	of 508
Point Factor (percentile of sum of rankings)	19.49	Maximum 100 pts

Element Threat of grasslands being converted to cropland.

4 According to NASS, has the county reported an increase in acres of cropland from 2002 to 2007? (grassland only)

Yes	100	Points	
No	0	Points	NO 0 Points

Capability Class	Percent	Points	Grassland Score
1	100%	100	100
2	0%	50	0
3	0%	25	0
			100

100 Points

Element Threatened Texas Eco-regions according to TPWD

5 (grassland only) Max 50 Points

Select appropriate region

Blackland Prairies

Awarded Points

50

Element Proximity to other permanently protected land. (grasslands only)

6 Example: Other NRCS held easements, state parks, WMA, etc.

Identify: None

Location: Over 3 miles

0

(3) Plant and animal biodiversity

Element 7 Plant community supports a diverse population of sustainable plants and animals

Rangeland - grazing lands managed as a multi-species native plant community with no additional nutrient management applied (Add expiring CRP acres that will be managed accordingly)
 Pastureland - grazing lands managed for forage production by the addition of nutrients and pest management on an annual or semi-annual basis. (Add expiring CRP acres that will be managed accordingly)
 Fallow land needing restoration or Woodland

Max Pts	Acres	Weighted Points
200	473.0	200.00
100	0.0	0.00
0	0.0	0.00
	473.0	200.00

Element 8 Need for restoration (grassland only)

Restoration not needed
 Restoration Practices Needed

Max Pts	Awarded Points
50	50.00
0	0.00
	50.00 Total Points

Element 9 Location of land to be enrolled within other targeted areas

SAFE (State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement)
 Fort Hood ACUB (3 mile buffer)
 Within 3 miles of other military installations
 None

Max Pts	Awarded Points
100	0
50	0
30	0
0	0
	0

Element 10 Expiring CRP

Landowner has submitted GRP application for an easement within 12 months of CRP expiration.

	Max Pts	Awarded Points
Yes	100	0
No	0	

Element 11 Landowner offer

Landowner is willing to accept a price lower than the NRCS GARC or market survey. Point awarded for percent below GARC price.

Geographic Area Rate Cap (GARC)	\$ 500
Landowner offer	\$ 1,200
Percent Below	0.00 Points

Element	Awarded Points
Benefit to other resource concerns. (Grasslands only)	
12a Land to be enrolled is considered suitable habitat for a federally listed threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate animal species and proper management is likely to provide a direct benefit to that species(s). (Concurrence from FWS needed before points awarded - signed below).	0
12b Land to be enrolled is considered suitable habitat for a federally listed threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate plant species and proper management is likely to provide a direct benefit to that species(s). (Concurrence from FWS needed before points awarded - signed below).	0
12c Land to be enrolled contains archeological, cultural or historic sites recorded on state or national registries. Provide documentation to support.	0
12d Land to be enrolled contains significant water quantity features (direct recharge to groundwater aquifer or flowing springs).	0
TOTAL	0

Eligibility Criteria

Is the land privately owned?	No	INELIGIBLE
Is the land already protected under an existing contract (EQIP, WHIP or CSP), easement or deed restriction or owned by an entity with a related purpose?	Yes	INELIGIBLE
Does the enrolled land contain grassland, land that contains forbs or shrubland for which grazing is the predominant use? OR	No	INELIGIBLE
Is the land located in an area that has been historically dominated by grassland, forbs or shrubland?	No	

Designated Conservationist

Date

US Fish & Wildlife Service concurrence on Items 12a 12b

Date