Round 16 Ranking Criteria for SNPLMA Conservation Initiatives Nominations

Ranking Criteria: Priorities identified in the Strategic Plan or Implementation Agreement, or developed by the Subgroup	
	TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE
1. Project supports one of the three priority types of projects – ***10 pts*** *(Points should be awarded on a scale of 0-10.)* a. Habitat Enhancement b. Cultural Resources c. Safety and Public Health	10
2. Project includes public outreach/education as a component –examples could include, but are not limited to: Volunteer/Partnership Coordination, Youth Initiatives-Teach the Teachers, Mobile Models, Make the Classroom/Lessons Accessible, Off Highway Vehicle Impacts, Water Conservation, projects that facilitate getting youth into the environment-i.e., Hands on the Land, or projects that incorporate modern outreach efforts and techniques using social media platforms. ***– 5 pts*** (*Points should be awarded on a scale of 0-5.)*	5
3. Project supports 1 of the 20 priority sub-types of projects: *(Factors a-b are mutually exclusive. If the project supports more than one priority sub-type, award points based on the primary priority sub-type. This list is not all inclusive, but gives priority to projects that leave a legacy on the landscape and those that are important to program partners.)* a. Project supports any of the priority sub-types – **10 pts** *1. Cultural – Protection/Site Stewards* *2. Habitat Enhancement – Endangered Species* *3. Safety and Public Health – AML Reclamation with habitat restoration component* *4. Habitat Enhancement – Proactive Steps to Prevent Listing* *5. Habitat Enhancement – Invasive Species Treatment and/or Control (Plant or Animal)* *6. Habitat Enhancement – Restoration of Habitat for Sensitive Species at the watershed or landscape level* *7. Cultural – Restoration/Stabilization* *8. Safety and Public Health – Litter/Dumping Clean-up* *9. Cultural – project includes tribal involvement and/or consultation* *10. Habitat enhancement-project addresses climate change* *11. Habitat Enhancement – Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring* *12. Habitat Enhancement – Cave Management* *13. Habitat Enhancement – Restoration of Springs/Streams/Rivers* *14. Habitat Enhancement – Road decommissioning and rehabilitation* *15. Habitat Enhancement – Reintroduction of Extirpated Species to restore overall ecosystem* b. Project supports any of the priority sub-types – **5 pts** *16. Cultural – Surveys* *17. Cultural-National Register nominations* *18. Safety and Public Health – Information Kiosks and Signs* *19. Safety and Public Health – Project addresses and mitigates adverse impacts to resources caused by the volume of people using the resource* *20. Safety and Public Health-resolving trespass/encroachment/illegal use of public lands (i.e., marijuana grow sites)/boundary surveys*	10

4. Project enhances partnerships in promotion of cooperation and collaboration – **5 pts** *(Points should be awarded between 0-5 based on the following factors:)* a. Involves individual citizen groups or organizations in the development and accomplishment of resource management goals and other activities during project implementation – **2 pts** b. Addresses the needs of more than one Federal agency – **1 pt** c. Involves non-Federal public partners – **2 pts**	5
5. Project has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contributions in the development and/or implementation of the project – **3 pts** The breakdown of in-kind contributions may include: 1) Volunteer labor – valuation to be computed at the rate used by the Department of the Interior, which is currently $21.36/hour 2) Salaried employees – actual hourly rate plus the value of any fringe benefits received 3) Actual costs for material, equipment and supplies should be used *Overhead costs may not be included in determining in-kind contributions.	3
Ranking Criteria: Executive Committee Values	
	TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE
6. Project promotes **sustainability** by providing benefits in the near and long term by emphasizing healthy and resilient landscapes as well as durability, relevancy, and shared support – **10 pts** *(Points should be awarded on a scale of 1-10 based on the following factors. Projects can be given a score of 0 to 2 for each factor, depending on how well they address the factor.)* a. Conserves resources to ensure availability to future generations – **2 pts** b. Restores or maintains natural processes as demonstrated by implementation monitoring within the project timelines – **2 pts** c. Will remain relevant and continue to provide a benefit beyond the existence of SNPLMA – **2 pts** d. Includes a stewardship component to broaden support and share responsibility for operating or maintaining the project – **2 pts** e. Reduces long-term costs and minimizes the human impact on the environment – **2 pts**	10
7. Project promotes **connectivity** by linking people to nature and recreational opportunities, and by uniting important places across the landscape – **5 pts** *(Points should be awarded on a scale of 0-5 based on how well the project supports the following factors):* a. Encourages people to meaningfully connect with their natural environment and helps them appreciate and care for the environment AND/OR b. Connects habitats, migratory corridors, or protected areas	5

8. Project promotes **community** by improving the quality of life for the human community and protecting the integrity of biological communities – **15 pts** *(Points should be awarded on a scale of 0-15 based on the following factors. Projects can be given a score of 0 through 5 for each factor, depending on how well they address the factor.)* a. Conserves or restores the functionality, resiliency, and integrity of biological communities – **5 pts** b. Encourages partnerships and helps build a sense of community – **5 pts** c. Improving quality of life for the human community by preserving the past (cultural or historic sites) for present or future generations – **5 pts**	15
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED ***(63 pts possible)***	