EASTERN NEVADA LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROJECT (ENLRP)
RANKING CRITERIA

Five criteria will be used by the subgroup to evaluate, score, and rank nominations in this category. The total points available are shown to the right of the criteria. The factors used to score the criteria are listed below it with the points available for each factor. Unless stated below the Factor, scoring is on a sliding scale.

1. Fuels Management: Projects that are designed to change vegetation composition and/or structure to modify potential fire behavior for the purpose of improving fire suppression effectiveness and limiting fire spread and intensity.	**Points = 25**

Factors:

A. Project will conduct treatments to maintain healthy sagebrush rangelands, including preventative measures for annual grass invasion and conifer encroachment.	15
B. Project will conduct treatments to address the conversion of overgrown/decadent sagebrush, annual grass understory, and conifer encroachment.	10
C. Project will conduct treatments to address the annual grass and/or conifer dominated landscape within or adjacent to sagebrush rangelands.	5
D. Project is to remove pinyon pine and juniper to decrease the fire risk to large intact sagebrush habitat, riparian areas, and/or aspen stands.	10

Factors A-C are mutually exclusive, points are awarded all or none for only one of these factors. Factor D is scored on a sliding scale.

2. Habitat Recovery/Restoration	**Points = 25**

Factors:

A. The project will implement habitat restoration or recovery actions within a defined Priority Area for Conservation (PAC), essential/irreplaceable or important habitat*, riparian area, or aspen stand.	20
B. The project will implement habitat restoration or recovery actions within a moderate habitat*, riparian area, or aspen stand.	10
C. The project will implement habitat restoration or recovery action within low value habitat*.	5
D. Sagebrush landscape cover	
1. Project area is characterized as low resistance and resilience and greater than 25% sagebrush landscape cover.	5
2. Project area is characterized as high resistance and resilience and greater than 25% sagebrush landscape cover.	3

Select Factor A, B, or C depending on the majority of the landscape in the nomination and score on a sliding scale. Factor D1, and D2 are mutually exclusive; points are awarded all or none for only one of these factors.

3. Fire Prevention and Post Fire Rehabilitation	**Points = 25**

Factors:

A. Project is located to strategically prevent fire spread or support suppression activities to minimize the loss of sagebrush rangelands. A strategically placed fuel break as an anchor point for suppression or fuels reduction activities to lessen potential fire intensity.	15
B. Project will rehabilitate a previously burned area to prevent the establishment of invasive annual grasses.	10

4. Implementation of the project will lead to additional scientific information.	**Points = 5**

Factors:

A. Project will lead to needed/improved scientific information on the design, implementation, and/or adaptation of landscape-scale restoration treatments, including known gaps in land health or sagebrush data.	5

5. Supports strategic plan values of community, connectivity, and sustainability.	**Points = 20**

Factors:

A. Involves non-governmental groups, volunteers, or organizations in the development and accomplishment of resource management goals, education, outreach, and other activities. Has identified committed non-SNPLMA sources of funding or in-kind contribution in the development and/or implementation of the project.	5
B. Community: in addition to the direct benefit to the nominating entity, actively involves and addresses the needs of at least one additional governmental agency, community or private land manager.	5
C. Connectivity: completed, current/on-going, or future restoration projects, of any funding source and jurisdiction (including private lands), where the physical project boundaries connect and/or habitat and vegetation connectivity is enhanced.	5
D. Sustainability: project data can be incorporated into the ongoing rangeland health monitoring of the sponsoring or benefiting entity.	5

The term “governmental” in Factor 5B, includes Federal, state, local, and tribal governments.

Total Possible Points	**100**

* As defined by the State Management Category Map