

NEVADA CONSERVATION CREDIT SYSTEM

PRE-FIELD SUBMISSION QUALITY ASSESSMENT FORM

This form is intended for use by the SETT to ensure that pre-field submissions for proposed credit and debit projects undergo a consistent Quality Assessment (QA) process. This pre-field QA process is intended to ensure project footprints, map units, and transects provided by certified verifiers are assessed by the SETT following the same process prior to the commitment of significant resources to complete field work.

SIGNATURE

The pre-field QA process has been completed and the information provided in this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Credit System Administrator Name

Credit System Project Lead

Date of Completion

QA SUBMISSION STATUS

Please mark the applicable QA submission status below.

_____ **Acceptable**
_____ **Requires revisions (describe)**

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name _____

County _____ State _____

WAFWA Zone: _____ Biologically Significant Unit: _____ Population Management Unit: _____

PROJECT PROPONENT INFORMATION

Project Proponent Name _____

VERIFIER INFORMATION

Verifier Name _____

STOP! Have they submitted a completed Credit Site Validation Checklist (for Credit Projects only) and been given the green light to become a Credit Project? If not, ensure the Project meets all criteria to be a desired credit project.

QUALITY ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

- 1. For credit projects, confirm that the following forms have been received prior to allowing field work to move forward.

INITIAL WHEN COMPLETE:

Pre-Field Work Submittal Cover Page: _____

Verifier Conflict of Interest Form: _____

Credit Site Validation Checklist with Signed Waiver and Other Requested Information Attached: _____

A geodatabase with GIS shapefiles identified by the appropriate naming conventions for the applicable project area, analysis area boundaries, habitat categories, map units, proposed PFC reaches, and final transect numbers: _____

- 2. For debit projects, confirm that the following forms have been received prior to allowing field work to move forward.

INITIAL WHEN COMPLETE:

Pre-Field Work Submittal Cover Page: _____

Verifier Conflict of Interest Form: _____

Debit Project Review Form with Signed Waiver and Other Requested Information Attached: _____

A geodatabase with GIS shapefiles identified by the appropriate naming conventions for the applicable project area, analysis area boundaries, habitat categories, map units, and final transect numbers: _____

3. For credit projects, confirm that all lands within map units appear to be private lands in the control of the credit producer for private lands credit projects or vice versa. Assess whether the project footprint and map units are the same as previously received information, if applicable. If changes have been made, please note why.

Confirm with the [Secretary of State](#) that the Project Proponent has signatory authority, and if not, require proof they do.

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Completion status: _____
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4. For debit projects, confirm that the direct and indirect disturbance areas are delineated as expected and that map units make up all sage grouse management category habitat in these areas. Assess whether the project footprint and map units are the same as previously received information, if applicable. If changes have been made, please note why.

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5. Confirm that all potential meadows, including stringer meadows, springs and seeps, are characterized as meadow and delineated as accurately as possible within the project area. Further assessment in the field will assess the accuracy of the meadow characterization and the delineation, prior to sampling.

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- 6. For Credit Projects, ensure PFC reaches are accurately delineated for analysis. All Seeps and Springs and Streams should be delineated for PFC. Riparian systems on the same source and same reach profile can be combined into one survey, but differences in elevation, slope, substrate, form, source, use, ownership, etc. should be broken up into different reaches.

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Status: _____

- 7. Confirm the presence or absence of any existing debit or credit projects in the analysis area of the project. Make note and work with the corresponding SETT Lead on any impacts due to presence.

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- 8. Assess the aerial imagery, ESDs, DRGs, previous fires, slopes, aspects, and other terrain characteristics to understand map unit delineations and decisions to split or lump specific areas. Are heterogeneous meadow map units split? How are areas planned for treatments delineated? Are areas with significantly more sagebrush cover lumped with cheat grass dominated areas? Please make descriptive notes on delineations and any issues from your perspective. Confirm all map units are divided by WAFWA zone at minimum. No map unit should exist in two different WAFWA zones.

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9. Confirm anthropogenic features are delineated and categorized correctly. Review all squares in project area, including indirect and analysis area, for non-delineated features.

SUPER IMPORTANT – check for any overlaps and make sure they are labeled correctly. That is why it is always necessary to start from scratch on creating the current anthro layer from the base layers, so that the overlaps can be pulled out. What people are doing is adding new anthro features to their Current_Anthro_Features_Project, forgetting about overlaps, and then having major problems. Also check to ensure ALL columns in the layer are filled out and accurate (Removed, Returned, Subtype as Modified).

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10. Review the map units dissolved attribute table to ensure everything looks as it should. Provide comments as appropriate. Ensure no overlaps with the "Intersect" tool.

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11. Confirm that the number of transects planned to be sampled follows the guidelines in the User's Guide. Provide the verifier with generated and finalized transects.

For Debit Projects: Check the calculator to see if any map units are returning very low debits (<0.5) at 100% HSI and ask the verifier if they want to collect transects or not. Can skip collecting transects in low to no-yield areas where it isn't cost effective. Phase III PJ and dominated annual invasive grass is sampled in direct impact areas.

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Status: _____

ISSUE TRACKING AND COMMENTS

List and describe any comments, issues or problems encountered during the Quality Assessment process and changes made from the original submission to ensure a complete and acceptable pre-field submission.

ISSUE DESCRIPTION	ISSUE STATUS/RESOLUTION