**Rangeland Condition Monitoring (RCM)**

**SHRUBLAND FIELD ASSESSMENT SHEET**

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| Station |       |
| Site tag number |       | Date assessed:       | Assessed by:       |

Site directions from named point (eg windmills, yards etc):

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| Site GPS coordinates |       |

Perennial Plant Count:

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| **Species (common name)** | **Indicator Value**  | **Tally Boxes** | **Totals** |
| 1.       |  |       |       |
| 2.       |  |       |       |
| 3.       |  |       |       |
| 4.       |  |       |       |

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|  | **0** | **1 – 20** | **21 - 50** | **51 - 100** | **>100** |
| Live Perennial Grass Butts | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Previous Assessment | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

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|  | **Very Good** | **Good** | **Fair** | **Poor** | **Very Poor** |
| Soil Surface Condition\* | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Previous Assessment | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

\*Soil Surface Condition value descriptions:

**Very Good:** Stable soil surfaces, abundant accumulated decomposing litter in places, many physical barriers (including live plans) to retard water flows and promote infiltration.

**Good:** Soil surface mostly stable, some accumulated litter and live plants, minor evidence of loss of water or litter from site, but ability of site to intercept resources sub-optimal.

**Fair:** Some litter but with little evidence of decomposition, some signs of topsoil loss, reduced objects (including few live plans) to intercept water flows.

**Poor:** Significant topsoil loss, little to intercept water flows, little litter present.

**Very Poor:** Almost total loss of topsoil, exposed surface shedding resources, little to intercept water flows, no accumulated litter, no live plants, poor infiltration.

***Have you taken a photograph?***

Lessee Assessment of Rangeland Condition Trend for this site since previous assessment
(date previous assessment       )

Please place ⮽ in the appropriate box [ ]  Improved [ ]  Stable [ ]  Declined

Reason(s) for Trend