



Question 3:1 Are expected <b>vegetation layers</b> present? Biocrust is present & functional <input type="checkbox"/> Biocrust is present but appears damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Biocrust is excessive <input type="checkbox"/> Biocrust is reduced or absent in open areas <input type="checkbox"/>	Score
The life form layers closely resemble the reference plant community.	7
One life form layer is absent/reduced by >50% expected cover OR two layers are moderately reduced by 25-50%.	5
Two life form layers are absent or reduced by >50% cover, OR four layers are moderately reduced by 25-50%.	2
Three life form layers are absent or considerably reduced by 50% cover or greater.	0

Question 3:2 Is <b>woody vegetation or shrub encroachment</b> problematic?	Score
Woody vegetation is present as expected.	3
Woody vegetation presence exceeds expected levels by 1-15% cover.	1
Woody vegetation exceeds expected levels by more than 15% cover.	0

Notes:

Question 4.1: How much <b>bare soil</b> is present on the site? Is there management-caused bare soil beyond what is expected for the site? Actual %            less Expected            % =	Expected bare soil:	Actual bare soil:	Score
Management-caused bare soil is less than 10%.			5
Management-caused bare soil is between 10 and 20%.			3
Management-caused bare soil is between 20% and up to 50%.			1
Management-caused bare soil is greater than 50%.			0

Question 4.2: Is there more <b>soil erosion</b> than expected for this site? YES    NO Types of soil erosion found: <input type="checkbox"/> Rills <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestalling <input type="checkbox"/> Hoof shear <input type="checkbox"/> Trailing <input type="checkbox"/> Compaction <input type="checkbox"/> Slight soil movement <input type="checkbox"/> Gullies <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate soil movement <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive rodent-burrowing	Score
No signs of soil erosion or fine plant litter movement beyond the natural extent for the site.	10
Some evidence of micro-erosion beyond the site's potential natural limit. Short and shallow flow patterns. Old erosion features are stabilized.	7
Moderate amounts of soil movement, flow patterns are branched. Erosion is active but not moving off-site.	3
Extreme amounts of soil movement including soil moving off-site.	0

Question 5: Is the expected <b>amount and distribution</b> of <b>litter</b> present? Litter on site is: Excessive <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced <input type="checkbox"/> Similar to Expected <input type="checkbox"/>	Expected litter:	Actual Litter:	Score
Average litter amounts range from 65 to 135% of expected. Litter distribution closely resembles the reference site.			25
<u>Where litter is reduced</u> , it is present at 35-65% of expected. Distribution shows minor alteration. <u>Where litter is excessive</u> , amounts exceed 135% of expected and plants are starting to show some negative impact through reduced vigour.			13
<u>Where litter is reduced</u> , it is present at less than 35% of expected. Few places with adequate litter are remaining. <u>Where litter is excessive</u> , amounts exceed 135% of expected and plants are noticeably and negatively impacted through reduced vigour and stem density.			6
Litter is greatly reduced or absent entirely compared to the reference site. The extent and distribution of exposed soil has increased and there is little to no standing or fallen litter due to severe alteration.			0

Notes:

Circle Category

Healthy (75-100%)  
Healthy with Challenges (50-74%)  
Needs Improvement (0-49%)

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_