**Attachment 1: Priority Restoration Landscape Identification Rationale**

Two priority restoration landscapes will be chosen by the end of the first quarter of FY2025. This template documents the factors used to identify priority landscapes for restoration. The information in this rationale may be similar to the information in the restoration plan template.

**Submitting State’s Information**

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Name of the Restoration Landscape: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Identify the 10-digit, 5th level Hydrologic Unit Codes[[1]](#footnote-2) (HUCs), or aggregation of these HUCs, and provide the HUC numbers (20 words):

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1. List any important, scarce, or sensitive resources located (or historically located) in this landscape (300 words):

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1. Briefly describe **current conditions** and **causes of degradation** for these resources. List any damaged, degraded, or destroyed resources located (or historically located) in this landscape (600 words):

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Indicate which of the following information sources were used to make this determination[[2]](#footnote-3).

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| Choose an item. | (Y/N) Watershed Condition Assessments |
| Choose an item. | (Y/N) Causal Factor Determinations |
| Choose an item. | (Y/N) Previously implemented projects |
| Choose an item. | (Y/N) Proper Function Condition (PFC) assessments |
| Choose an item. | (Y/N) Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring (AIM) data |
| Choose an item. | (Y/N) Indigenous Knowledge (refer to 6101.4(h)) |
| Choose an item. | (Y/N) Land Health Evaluations |
| Choose an item. | (Y/N) Remotely sensed imagery |
| Choose an item. | (Y/N) Other high-quality information sources (add rows and list them here) |

1. Describe preliminary restoration goals and objectives to ensure healthy landscapes and resilient ecosystems for the priority restoration landscapes (300 words):

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1. List potential restoration actions the BLM can take that may address causes of degradation and aid in the recovery of at-risk resources in the landscape (300 words):

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1. Describe the likelihood of attaining durable restoration outcomes through these potential restoration actions. This is a subjective evaluation based on subject matter experts’ best judgement and the available scientific literature (300 words):

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1. List restoration actions that may have positive social and economic benefits or work to address impacts on environmental justice populations (200 words):

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1. Briefly describe any potential for collaboration with Tribal, State, and local governments, and other partners on restoration actions in this landscape (100 words):

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1. Hydrologic unit codes are derived from the USGS Watershed Boundary Dataset and [can be viewed here](https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhydro.nationalmap.gov%2Farcgis%2Frest%2Fservices%2Fwbd%2FMapServer&source=sd). Work with your GIS leads to obtain the requisite spatial data layers. Hydrologic units define the areal extent of surface water draining to an outlet point of a stream network. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The first iteration of identifying priority landscapes for restoration will not be able to use some high-quality information sources such as watershed condition assessments. The use of high-quality information to inform the identification of priority landscapes for restoration and the development of restoration plans will evolve through time as watershed condition assessments and other tools become available starting in 2026. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)