RIGHTS-OF-WAY AS HABITAT POLLINATOR SCORECARD - *TIER 2*

Site Name _____ ROW Organization _____

Assessor _____ Assessor's Affiliation _____

Site Area _____ acres Date _____ Start Time _____

Survey Type
- ☐ Random/Systematic
- ☐ Representative

INSTRUCTIONS
This scorecard provides a Tier 2 assessment of pollinator habitat. Tier 2 assessments provide a qualitative rating of habitat quality. Total all point boxes in the Total Points box to calculate a score. Note additional pollinator and management information on the back.

Plot Number _____ Plot Location _____

Plot Description (ROW type, off-ROW or facility, leased vs. owned, etc.)

Photos (describe)

Adjacent Land Use (select up to two categories for land use adjacent to ROW nearest the plot location)

- ☐ Cropland
- ☐ Developed
- ☐ Woodland
- ☐ Wetland
- ☐ Grassland (Diverse)
- ☐ Grassland (Non-Diverse)
- ☐ Other:

Potentially Flowering Nectar Plant Cover

- ○ 0 % ---------- > { **0** }
- ○ 1 – 5 % ---------- > { **1** }
- ○ 6 – 10 % ---------- > { **7** }
- ○ 11 – 25 % ---------- > { **14** }
- ○ 26 – 50 % ---------- > { **21** }
- ○ 51 – 75 % ---------- > { **28** }
- ○ 76 – 100 % ---------- > { **35** }

POINTS ☐

Additional Habitat Resources

- Native bunch grasses ---------- > ☐
- Brush piles ---------- > ☐
- Undisturbed thatch---------- > ☐
- Dead wood/snags---------- > ☐
- Rock piles---------- > ☐
- Basking areas---------- > ☐
- Plants with hollow pithy stems------- > ☐
- Larval host plants (*e.g., milkweed*) -- > ☐

POINTS (2 POINTS EACH) ☐

Notes

3 or More Flowering Nectar Plants Currently in Bloom?

- ○ Yes ---------- > { **9** }
- ○ No ---------- > { **0** }

POINTS ☐

Abundance of Milkweed

- ○ 0 plants ----------> { **0** }
- ○ 1 plant ----------> { **4** }
- ○ 2 – 5 plants ----------> { **7** }
- ○ 6 – 10 plants ----------> { **9** }
- ○ 11 – 50 plants ----------> { **13** }
- ○ > 50 plants ----------> { **20** }

POINTS ☐

SCORING (see the User's Guide for more detail)

0 – 5: Improvement Opportunity

6 – 10: Available Habitat

11 – 20: Supporting Pollinators

20+: Robust Habitat

TOTAL POINTS 0

Pollinators Observed

- ☐ Honey bees
- ☐ Other bees
- ☐ Monarch butterflies
- ☐ Other butterflies
- ☐ Beetles on flowers
- ☐ Wasps on flowers
- ☐ Moths
- ☐ Flies on flowers
- ☐ Other (describe):

Threats

- ☐ Lack of direction or objectives for managing habitat
- ☐ Negative perception of habitat
- ☐ Woody encroachment
- ☐ Invasive species
- ☐ Habitat conversion
  (e.g., actions that remove nectar plants during the growing season; habitat loss by construction, broadscale vegetation controls, or other land disturbance)
- ☐ Frequent grazing, mowing or herbicide use during the growing season
- ☐ Adjacent land use encroachment (e.g., unauthorized land uses)
- ☐ Adjacent land use impacts
  (e.g., chemical drift, cropland or developed land adjacent to site without a hedgerow present)
- ☐ Other (describe):

Opportunities

- ☐ Enhancement native seeding/planting
- ☐ Adding nesting structures
- ☐ Preserving areas of dead wood or undisturbed thatch
- ☐ Use of site for public outreach or education
- ☐ Engaging volunteer partnerships in site conservation
- ☐ Other (describe):

Observations/Recommendations