DISCOVERY POOL PROPOSAL EVALUATION FORM

The Science Committee will use this form to evaluate your application.

Title of Research Project: _____

Federal Agency: _____

Name of Principal Investigator/Institute: _____

Reviewer: _____ Date of Review: _____

Please rate each element using the provided scale: 0=Inadequate, 1=Below Average, 2=Adequate, 3=Good, 4=Superior. The total possible points are 100 with an opportunity to earn up to 15 value-added points.

- **Core Evaluation Criteria** assess the application based on the fundamental merits of the project.
- **Additional Considerations** provide supplementary factors that add value and depth to the project. While not essential, these aspects can enhance the evaluation and influence the final assessment by offering a more nuanced view of the project's merits.

Core Evaluation Criteria: Research Proposals	RATING					WEIGHT	POINTS
Implications for Resource Management: Research has clear implications for resource management and contributes to effective stewardship.	0	1	2	3	4	x6	____/24
Research Goals & Significance: Clearly communicates the research goals, originality and uniqueness, significance, and objectives, including the current relevance and importance of the problem being addressed. Aligns with agency priorities.	0	1	2	3	4	x5	____/20
Objectives & Methodology: Presents clear and well-justified research objectives with an appropriate and well-explained methodology.	0	1	2	3	4	x4	____/16
Early Career and Student Involvement): Students , new faculty and researchers early in their career involvement will be given extra consideration	0	1	2	3	4	x3	____/12
Qualifications of PI(s): Demonstrates that the principal investigators(s) are qualified to conduct the research.	0	1	2	3	4	x3	____/12
Community Engagement & Representation: Cultivates meaningful community partnerships, access, and representation, with a focus on local, tribal, and/or underrepresented communities. Proposal has a strong outreach component	0	1	2	3	4	x2	____/8
Impact Beyond the Research Area: Demonstrates the potential for implications beyond the supporting agency. Results can influence adjacent land management agencies.	0	1	2	3	4	x2	____/8

Value-Add: Additional Considerations	RATING					POINTS
Benefit to Agency & Visitors: Provides tangible benefits to the agency, enhances visitor experience, and expands interpretive offerings.	1	2	3	4	5	____/5
Respect for Ecological & Cultural Knowledge: Engages with and respects the ecological and cultural knowledge of local, tribal, and/or underrepresented communities.	1	2	3	4	5	____/5
In-Kind Contribution/Matching Funds: Demonstrates matching cash or in-kind contributions, with clear notation of these contributions in the budget.	1	2	3	4	5	____/5

Additional application-specific considerations for the committee: