

## Biological Monitoring Data - Basic (Five needed per transect)

Property \_\_\_\_\_ Transect/Plot Number \_\_\_\_\_ Photo No's \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Soil Surface.** Describe the nature of the bulk of the soil surface between plants. (Is it bare, capped, broken, covered with litter, covered with algae and lichen, hard, soft, porous, etc.? Are there signs of soil movement/erosion, such as pedestaling, siltation in low points, etc?)

**2. Animal Sign.** What signs of animal life are present (small or large animals, birds, insects, reptiles)?

**3. Litter.** If there is litter present, describe its quality/ condition (fresh, old, or breaking down so it is hard to distinguish where litter ends and soil begins).

**4. Perennial Grass Condition.** If perennial grasses present, describe their condition. (Are they healthy, mature, young, seedlings, dead/dying, overrested, overgrazed?)

**5. Grass Species.** List grass species in the plot if you know their names.

**6. Other Plants.** List or comment on other non-grass plant species present (legumes, forbs, etc.).

**7. Points of Interest.** Note any other points of interest, including things that might not show well in the photo.