

**Montana Range Days
Weed Collection Exhibits
Grading Rubric**

**Any noxious weed specimens are required to be permanently covered to prohibit any seed dispersal.*

** Present year is defined as: Beginning of June 15th of previous year to June 15th of contest year*

CIRCLE ONE

<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Required for Cash Prize</u>
Lot 3: Weed Plant Collection	Present year collection	5 noxious weeds
Lot 4: Weed Plant Collection	Present and past year collection	8 noxious weeds

Contestant: _____ **Age Division:** _____

Chapter/Club/Team: _____

Points going towards Top Green Hand or Top Range Hand: Yes No

	Points	Comments
Overall quality of specimens <i>(Specimens have flowers, stems, leaves, and roots*. Plants have been pressed neatly and preserved well. Roots are free from dirt)</i> (25 Points)		
Good representation of plant types and lifespans <i>(grass, forb, shrub, and annual, biennial and perennial)</i> (15 points)		
Good representation of Decreasers, Increases, Invaders and Noxious weeds of the area where the plants are collected (15 points)		
Accuracy of identification (15 points)		
Reference value <i>(Durable, easy to look through, good representation of plant characteristics, information on label adequate and accurate)</i> (10 points)		
TOTAL POINTS: (80)		

Additional Comments: