

NOTCOM Soils Guidance for CART

This guidance is for counties in Eastern Oregon with NOTCOM soils data.

Whether or not the lack of soils information will be critical to a CART assessment depends on:

- If every CART assessment that will be ranked against each other also does not have soils information.
- If the soils information is making a significant contribution to the assessment points enough to impact ranking.

The following questions are designed to assist planners think through different scenarios:

- 1) Is the soil data available in CART where I am working?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. In some places, not others
- 2) Does it matter if soil data is not available in CART where I am working?
 - a. No - All the agreements that will be ranked against each other are missing soils data so there is no difference in how soils information was assessed.
 - b. Yes – This CIS resource concerns, or program resource concerns rely heavily on soil interpretations for assessment and ranking and I need soils information to separate potential agreements.
 - i. In this scenario Planners should contact their RSS and work on how to consistently apply CART Planner Overrides.
 - c. Maybe – I need to monitor how the assessment and ranking come out and if anything looks “off” determine if missing soils data is responsible.
 - i. In this scenario if it is determined that lack of soils data is impacting assessment and ranking then Planners should contact their RSS and work on how to consistently apply CART Planner Overrides.

Examples include:

No – When a CIS is in an area completely without soils information

Yes – When a CIS is using something like erosivity to determine ranking

Maybe – The organic initiative where the potential agreement is in a state ranking pool

- 3) Does it matter if soil data is inconsistently available in CART where I am working?
 - a. No – The resource concerns I am assessing for this CIS or program are not really influenced by soils
 - b. Yes – The resource concerns I am assessing for this CIS or program rely heavily on soil interpretations for assessment and ranking and I need soils information to separate potential agreements.
 - i. In this scenario Planners should contact their RSS and work on how to consistently apply CART Planner Overrides.
 - c. Maybe – I need to monitor how the assessment and ranking come out and if anything looks “off” determine if missing soils data is responsible.

- i. In this scenario if it is determined that lack of soils data is impacting assessment and ranking then Planners should contact their RSS and work on how to consistently apply CART Planner Overrides.

Examples include:

- No – The resource concern is range plant degradation due to juniper encroachment. Soils don't impact how this potential agreement will rank.
- Yes – I am working in CSP and depending on the enhancement I choose having soils data or not make a difference for how it ranks.
- Maybe – I am working in CSP and it may matter or not that I have soils information. I have to see how the ranking comes out before I will be able to tell.