

Table 19

Classifications Within the CHE Module *Ecological and/or Cultural Resources* Data Element

| Classification                                     | Description   | Score |
|--|---|-------|
| <b>Ecological and cultural resources present</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are both ecological and cultural resources present on the MRS.</li> </ul>        | 5     |
| <b>Ecological resources present</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are ecological resources present on the MRS.</li> </ul>                          | 3     |
| <b>Cultural resources present</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are cultural resources present on the MRS.</li> </ul>                            | 3     |
| <b>No ecological or cultural resources present</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no ecological resources or cultural resources present on the MRS.</li> </ul> | 0     |

**Notes:**

- Ecological resources* means that: (1) a threatened or endangered species (designated under the Endangered Species Act [ESA]) is present on the MRS; or (2) the MRS is designated under the ESA as critical habitat for a threatened or endangered species; or (3) there are identified sensitive ecosystems such as wetlands or breeding grounds present on the MRS.
- Cultural resources* means there are recognized cultural, spiritual, traditional, religious, or historical features (e.g., structures, artifacts, symbolism) on the MRS. Requirements for determining if a particular feature is a cultural resource are found in the *National Historic Preservation Act*, *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act*, *Archeological Resources Protection Act*, *Executive Order 13007*, and the *American Indian Religious Freedom Act*. As examples: American Indians or Alaska Natives deem an MRS to be of spiritual significance; there are areas that are used by American Indians or Alaska Natives for subsistence activities (e.g., hunting, fishing).

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## Determining the CHE Rating from the CHE Module Score

| Overall CHE Module Score                                | CHE Rating                       |
|---|----------------------------------|
| The MRS has an overall CHE module score from 92 to 100. | CHE Rating A                     |
| The MRS has an overall CHE module score from 82 to 91.  | CHE Rating B                     |
| The MRS has an overall CHE module score from 71 to 81.  | CHE Rating C                     |
| The MRS has an overall CHE module score from 60 to 70.  | CHE Rating D                     |
| The MRS has an overall CHE module score from 48 to 59.  | CHE Rating E                     |
| The MRS has an overall CHE module score from 38 to 47.  | CHE Rating F                     |
| The MRS has an overall CHE module score less than 38.   | CHE Rating G                     |
| Alternative Module Ratings                              | Evaluation Pending               |
|   | No Longer Required               |
|   | No Known or Suspected CWM Hazard |