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| **Task or Job** | **Task Demonstrated** (Date & by whom) | **Task Instructed/observed** (Date & by whom) | **Deemed capable with supervision.**  (Date) | **Deemed capable/competent on own without supervision.**  (Date) |
| Is able to handle horse in mud, windfalls, crossing water, through rocks and debris |  |  |  |  |
| Able to view country and select best route |  |  |  |  |
| Aware of obstacles and things to avoid when selecting route |  |  |  |  |
| Aware of personal equipment needs, clothing, footwear, chaps, gloves |  |  |  |  |
| Crosses water safely, understands horses visual challenges in water, selects best crossing with consideration for entry and exit points of water |  |  |  |  |
| Can get on and off horse on both sides, keeps horse balanced on hillsides, gets off on uphill side, positions horse well avoiding overhangs |  |  |  |  |
| Knows when it is time to get off and walk if necessary |  |  |  |  |
| Has correct seat position and body shift for hills, going up or down |  |  |  |  |
| Correct foot position and depth in stirrup on hills |  |  |  |  |
| Gives horse head and does not fight horse allowing horse to find and maintain balance |  |  |  |  |
| Controls speed downhill |  |  |  |  |
| Aware of changing footing conditions, grass, mud, snow, slick surfaces, loose material |  |  |  |  |
| Is alert to potential trouble and on the look out for changing terrain, weather conditions and problems |  |  |  |  |
| Watches for downed fences, wire on ground, scrap, and metal litter |  |  |  |  |
| Selects entry and exit points in ravines and steep terrain |  |  |  |  |
| Can use compass and GPS |  |  |  |  |
| Is aware of work alone requirements |  |  |  |  |
| Can start fire and has equipment/means to start a fire |  |  |  |  |
| Checks “backtrail” to enable area knowledge and find way back |  |  |  |  |
| Considers cattle path and can avoid trouble but be effective in locating and moving cattle on range |  |  |  |  |
| Knows when in over head in rough country |  |  |  |  |
| Keeps horses’ feet in good condition/properly shod for terrain |  |  |  |  |
| Knows how to get help |  |  |  |  |
| Is familiar with what to do when encountering bears |  |  |  |  |
| Is familiar with what to do when encountering cougars |  |  |  |  |
| Is familiar with what to do when encountering snakes |  |  |  |  |

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