

## **Attachment B**

### The Squeeze Test

#### **Squeeze test:** Field Measurement of Pile Moisture Percent

Mix moisture percent can be approximated by squeezing a handful of material as follows:

1. Reach into the pile and take a handful of material
2. Squeeze the handful of material firmly
3. Release your grip and inspect the material you squeezed in your hand.

#### **Interpretation of results:**

1. If the material you squeezed is crumbly and doesn't stick together, and your hand is dry, the material is about 40% moisture or less.
2. If the material you squeezed sticks together, and your hand is moist, the material is around 50% moisture
3. If the material you squeezed sticks together and drips, and your hand is wet and dripping, the material is around 60% moisture or more.

With practice you can distinguish 55% moisture, from 50% and 60% moisture.