

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
WY - Forestry

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: WY - Forestry	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250 Point(s)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	15 Point(s)
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	5 Point(s)

Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	15 Point(s)
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	10 Point(s)
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	5 Point(s)
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	15 Point(s)
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	5 Point(s)
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	15 Point(s)
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	5 Point(s)
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	15 Point(s)
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	10 Point(s)

High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	
7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10 Point(s)
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	10 Point(s)
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	5 Point(s)
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	10 Point(s)
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	10 Point(s)
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	5 Point(s)
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	15 Point(s)
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?	10 Point(s)
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	10 Point(s)
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	10 Point(s)
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	5 Point(s)
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	5 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
<p>If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "YES" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.</p>	
<p>1. a. Is the program application for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Forest Management Plan (106)? If the answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If the answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.</p>	200 Point(s)
Forest Ecosystems at Risk	
<p>1. Are the proposed practices located within the NE Wyoming (Big Horns & Black Hills) Forest Ecosystems? OR</p>	100 Point(s)
<p>2. Are the proposed practices located within the SE and Central Wyoming Forest Ecosystems? OR</p>	75 Point(s)
<p>3. Are the proposed practices located within the Western Wyoming Forest Ecosystems?</p>	50 Point(s)
Existing and/or Planned Management	
<p>1. Does the applicant have a Forest Management Plan, less than 5 years old or in the process of developing a Forest Management Plan?</p>	100 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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<p>1. a. Is the program application for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Forest Management Plan (106)? If the answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If the answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.</p>	450 Point(s)
<p>Forest Health (Select all that apply)</p>	
<p>2. Have trees on your property been identified that are/have been infested with Mountain Pine Beetle, Ips beetle or any other forest pests or pathogens? These can be red-needled trees or green-hit trees (live trees that shows evidence of beetle activity through observed pitch-tubes or sawdust at the base of the trees)?</p>	70 Point(s)
<p>3. Has there been Mountain Pine Beetle activity confirmed adjacent to the proposed treatment area?</p>	50 Point(s)
<p>4. Will this application reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire through fuel reduction by applying Fuel Break (383)?</p>	50 Point(s)
<p>5. Is precommercial thinning for the improvement of forest land health the primary objective of the applicant by applying Forest Stand Improvement (666)?</p>	50 Point(s)
<p>6. Has your property been actively thinned or experienced storm or fire damage that requires removal and treatment of forest slash through Woody Residue Treatment (384)?</p>	50 Point(s)

Aspen Regeneration (Select only 1 answer)	
7. Will this application treat 100% of the aspen stand that is showing degradation? OR	40 Point(s)
8. Will this application treat > 50% of the aspen stand that is showing degradation? OR	25 Point(s)
9. Will this application treat < 50% of the aspen stand that is showing degradation?	5 Point(s)
Tree Size (Select only 1 answer)	
10. Is the average size of trees in proposed treatment area 0-3" dbh? OR	40 Point(s)
11. Is the average size of trees in proposed treatment area 4-6" dbh? OR	20 Point(s)
12. Is the average size of trees in proposed treatment area 7-9" dbh? OR	10 Point(s)
13. Is the average size of trees in proposed treatment area >10" dbh?	5 Point(s)
Density of Existing Stand - Use Zig-Zag Method (Select only 1 answer)	
14. Is the number of stems/acre of the project greater than 1000? OR	40 Point(s)
15. Is the number of stems/acre of the project 1000-600? OR	20 Point(s)
16. Is the number of stems/acre of the project 599-300? OR	10 Point(s)
17. Is the number of stems/acre of the project less than 299?	5 Point(s)
Meadow Regeneration	
18. Is meadow regeneration an objective of this application?	10 Point(s)

Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: