

RANKING CRITERIA FOR SALINITY EQIP WILDLIFE ONLY PROJECTS

Landowner Name _____
 Telephone _____ County _____ Tract # _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Size of Area _____ (acres) 11/18/04

1) List Habitat Type(s) to be Improved:
 a) Wetland/ Riparian (20 points)
 a) Herbaceous Habitat (10 points)
 b) Woody Habitat (5 points)
 (est. windbreaks, perennial veg. such as shrubs, trees) **Points** _____

2) Qualitative Increase in Habitat Improvement using appropriate WHEG*
 a) Existing condition of <.3 and after plan implementation >.70 (20 points)
 b) Existing condition of <.3 and after plan implementation >.60 (15 points)
 c) After plan implementation >.50 (10 points)
 d) After plan implementation <.50 (0 points)

Projects that don't meet WHEG of .5 after plan implem. are not eligible
Points _____
STOP NOT ELIGIBLE

3) Ease of Maintenance expressed in # of days for Annual Maintenance
 a) Maximum of 1 day annual maintenance (10 points)
 b) Moderate maintenance required – once per month (5 points)
 c) High Maintenance – (1 point)
 Ex. Food plot, have to plant yearly, irrigate often
Points _____

4) Other Functions provided by Cons. Plan benefiting other than wildlife
 a) Examples: water quality, water quantity, soil erosion, livestock protection,
 reduced grazing, flood retention, etc
 Add 5pts for each w/ **max. of 25 pts** **Points** _____

5) Educational Benefits
 List benefits & add 5 points for each based on significance or degree of use.
 Attach a brief rationale of each benefit with **max. of 10 total points.**
 Ex: accessible to youth groups, scouts, school groups, PAWS-on activities, etc.
Points _____

TOTAL POINTS 0 **NOT ELIGIBLE**

Total acres in plan:

Total cost of plan:

Cost per acre: cost/acres in plan

#DIV/0!

Ranking Index Calculations:

Points divided by NRCS dollars per acre

#DIV/0!

*WHEG – NRCS Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guides

Goal of Wildlife program is to increase habitat values. Therefore only projects with significant change to habitat (minimum of 40 points) are eligible.