

**Spanish Fork River Watershed /Thistle Creek Sub-watershed
FY06 EQIP PRIORITY RATING SHEET**

Name: _____

Resource Emphasis	Points
1. Animal Waste – 30 points maximum Will implement a nutrient management plan (30 points)	
2. Streambank Restoration – 20 points maximum Streambank erosion _____ Fish Cover _____ 75 - 100% = 10 points < 10% = 10 points 50 - 74% = 8 points 10 - 25% = 8 points 25 - 49% = 6 points 26 - 40% = 6 points 10 - 24% = 4 points 41 - 55% = 4 points 0 - 9 % = 2 points > 55% = 2 points	
3. Grazing Land – 45 points maximum Rangeland Health Evaluation (score divided by 3) _____ Increase vigor & plant diversity (1 - 15 points) _____	
4. Irrigation Systems – 20 points maximum Flood to improved flood (5 points) _____ Flood to sprinkle (10 points) _____ Sprinkler to improved Sprinkler (5 points) _____ Improve delivery system (10 points) _____	
5. Noxious Weeds – 20 points maximum Will begin an annual comprehensive weed control program (10 points) _____ Additional points with plans to control: One of the following weeds found on property Tall white top, knapweed, tamarisk, dyer’s woad (5 points) _____ Two or more of the following weeds found on property Scotch, musk or Canada thistle, or white top (5 points) _____	
6. Wildlife – 20 points maximum Practice specific for wildlife (10 points) _____ Practice specific to T, E, & S species (10 points) _____	
7. Access – 15 points maximum DWR agreement for perpetual sportsman access (15 points) _____ DWR agreement for 20 year sportsman access (7 points) _____ DWR agreement for 10 year sportsman access (3 points) _____ DWR agreement for less than10 year sportsman access (0 points) _____	
8. Miscellaneous project that promotes public health/water quality (10 points)	
TOTAL POINTS	

Total Cost of Project _____ Percent Cost Share _____ Cost-Share Amount requested _____

TOTAL POINTS / TOTAL COST (that EQIP is based upon) =

Ranking Criteria

1. Has an animal feeding operation and is willing to implement a nutrient management plan.
2. If the landowner is willing to complete Best Management Practices (BMPs) on riparian areas, DWR and NRCS will use the Binns and Eiserman's Habitat Quality Index to rate streams.
3. If the landowner is willing to complete a Best Management Practice (BMP) on rangeland, complete the Rangeland Health Evaluation, then divide total number by 3.
If the landowner is willing to improve plant vigor or diversity through a combination of BMPs (such as fencing, seeding, develop livestock waters, spraying, fertilizing, etc.) on grazing land other than just management. (15 points)
4. If landowner is willing to improve flood irrigation system up to 50% efficiency. (5 points)
If the landowner is willing to change from flood to sprinkle, with 65% efficiency (10 points)
If the landowner is willing to replace a sprinkler system with one that is more efficient. (5 points)
If the landowner is willing to replace the existing delivery system with one that is more efficient and greater water savings. (10 points)
5. If the landowner will implement a comprehensive weed program (3-5 years, revegetation, if necessary). Additional points for each kind of weed on property.
6. If landowner will complete a practice designed specifically for wildlife or directly benefits wildlife. (example = letdown fences in big game winter travel corridors, small game guzzlers, etc.) No points for practices that promote big game depredation.
If landowner will complete a practice that benefits Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive species. (example = riparian, stream or wetland restoration above Nebo Creek could benefit leatherside chub, western toad or Columbia spotted frog)
7. If landowner is willing to give public sportsman access to land or stream. Note: This is required by the Division of Wildlife Resources when habitat funds are used to finance stream restoration projects.
8. Miscellaneous projects not covered above that promote public health or water quality. (example = a project that addresses septic systems or ground water)
9. Total points accrued from above criteria will be added together. The sum will be divided by the projected cost share dollars needed. The quotient will be multiplied by 2000 and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Note: In case of a tie, the project located highest in the watershed will be given greater priority.

The rating sheet will be an open sign-up; conservation plans will be completed in the order of the highest points to the lowest, not on a first come, first serve basis. Once work on a plan has begun, its ranking will not change. Landowner must develop a conservation plan which must be approved by the Timp-Nebo Soil Conservation District board. The conservation plan must address all areas where points have been awarded.

I have read the above rating criteria and agree with the points awarded on the front page.

Cooperator

Date

CRMP Representative

Date

Notes:

Fiscal Year 2006 Programmatic National Priorities

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

1. Reductions of nonpoint source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, or excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDLs where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination and reduction of point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations;
2. Conservation of ground and surface water resources;
3. Reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (Nox) , volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depletors that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards;
4. Reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land; and
5. Promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation.