

**EQIP/WHIP Screening Worksheet
Wyoming Sage-grouse Initiative**

Applicant Name: _____ Application No.: _____
Field Office: _____

If any of the following boxes are checked, then the application is Low Priority.

(exceptional circumstances that should be considered may be explained in the notes below)

<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant does not have eligibility paperwork filed within 7 days after the batching date.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant has had a contract terminated for non-compliance in the last 3 years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant has existing/current contracts that are out of compliance due to schedule or other issues.
<input type="checkbox"/>	One or more of the proposed practices in this application was deleted from a previous contract on the same contracted acres.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed conservation practices were previously completed and have failed due to lack of maintenance by the applicant.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The project will require significant <u>engineering or other technical assistance</u> . If adequate preliminary designs have not been completed for dependable estimates and accurate contracting, then defer the application and re-evaluate when project is ready to move forward.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The project requires permitting that has not yet been approved and could delay implementation. (defer the application and re-evaluate when the project is ready to move forward)
<input type="checkbox"/>	The acres offered for enrollment include significant ($\geq 20\%$) fragmentation (caused by human activity) with little opportunity to address through EQIP or WHIP (such as fragmentation due to mining or abandoned cropland)
<input type="checkbox"/>	The majority ($> 50\%$) of the offered acres are located outside of any Current Distribution Area or Historic Range.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The application will include areas where herbaceous species in the plant community (i.e. blue grama, club moss) will not have the potential to meet the herbaceous height goal on $> 1/3$ of total offered acres.

If none of the boxes above have been checked, and any of the following boxes are checked, then the application is Medium Priority. (exceptional circumstances to be considered may be explained in the notes below)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant has requested cancellation of a contract in the past 3 years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some, but not all, of the planned practices address a high priority resource concern, as identified by the local work group.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The majority ($> 50\%$) of the offered acres are within a Core Area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The majority ($> 50\%$) of the offered acres are located outside a core area, but within the current distribution area.

To be High Priority, all of the following must be met.

<input type="checkbox"/>	A Prescribed Grazing Plan has been developed with the applicant in the last 3 years. The conservation plan covers all the grazingland acres and includes a schedule of structural, vegetative, and management practices to address the resource concerns.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The majority ($> 50\%$) of the offered acres are located within a Core Area.

Additional Notes – Use this block to explain responses or exceptional circumstances to be considered in assigning a priority to the application.

Priority:

<input type="checkbox"/>	High	District Conservationist Signature	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low		