

**FISCAL YEAR 2008 - KANSAS
WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PROGRAM
RANKING WORKSHEET**

*Kansas Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) applications will be accepted
on a continuous basis.*

NAME COUNTY
 TOTAL WILDLIFE HABITAT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (WHDP) ACRES TO BE ENROLLED IN WHIP ac.

Prepared by _____ Date: _____

Fish and Wildlife Resource Concerns
(Check all that apply)

1) Habitat Fragmentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	5) Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Inadequate Cover/Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	6) T&E Fish and/or Wildlife Species	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Inadequate Food	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Inadequate Water	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Eligible Land Uses (acres)

Cropland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hayland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grazed Range	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pasture	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>

National Issues (Select all questions that apply)

Total possible points = 5

1) Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the restoration, development or enhancement of declining or important native wildlife habitats such as brush, grass, forbs or waterways? (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for at-risk species which can include candidate species and state listed threatened and endangered species such as habitat for sage grouse? (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for federally listed threatened and endangered wildlife species? (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the reduction of invasive species on wildlife habitats such as trees, brush or aquatic plant species? (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of declining or important aquatic wildlife species' habitats such as stream habitat improvement, removal of impairments on waterways, etc.? (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/>

State Issues

Total possible points 160

1	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to the Kansas WHIP priority concerns. If none apply, leave the answers "NO:"	
	a) Will the WHDP meet the minimum requirements for a targeted species of statewide concern (pheasants, bobwhite quail, prairie chicken) based on Kansas WHIP Species Specific Habitat Assessment? (40 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b) Will the WHDP restore or enhance critical habitat for T&E species or provide habitat for species in need of conservation (SINC)? (40 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	c) Will the WHDP restore, enhance, or create identified natural communities? (wetlands, prairie, riparian areas) (30 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	d) Will the WHDP target species of statewide concern but not meet the minimum habitat requirements for those species, based on the Kansas Species Specific Habitat Assessment? (10 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	e) Will the WHDP address habitat for non-priority species? (5 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to native grass. If none apply, leave the answers "NO:"	
	Will the application acres include a native grass seeding or an existing stand of native grass that is	
	a) greater than or equal to 80 acres (40 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b) 21 to 79 acres (25 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	c) < or = 20 acres (10 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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3	Answer the following question related to Kansas WHIP Essential Habitat Areas:		
	Will the WHDP address brush management on all of the applicable offered acres within the Kansas WHIP Essential Habitat Areas as found in the AV-WHIP? (Each field in the application must have at least a portion within the essential habitat area to be eligible for the points.) (10 points)		
4	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to tree species with invasive potential:		
	Is there an infestation of a tree species with invasive potential? (Refer to Section IV of electronic Field Office Technical Guide [eFOTG], Brush Management, Practice Code 314, Construction Specifications, Table 2 for percentages).		
	a) Low level of Infestation	(20 points)	
	b) Medium level of Infestation	(15 points)	
	c) High level of Infestation	10 points)	
5	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to complementary conservation programs. If none apply, leave the answers "NO:"		
	Are there complementary conservation programs, other than federal WHIP, including Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Continuous CRP (CCRP), Conservation Security Program (CSP), Forestry Land Enhancement Program (FLEP), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Partners for Wildlife, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) WHIP, or other similar programs that are actively managed for wildlife on the applicant's land or adjacent to the WHDP acres?		
	a) 4 complementary programs actively present	(10 points)	
	b) 3 complementary programs actively present	(7 points)	
	c) 2 complementary programs actively present	(5 points)	
	d) 1 complementary program actively present	(3 points)	
6	Answer the following question related to the WHDP acres:		
	Are the WHDP acres adjacent to federal, state, or county property, or other property with long-term easements (> 10 years) that are actively managed for wildlife? (5 points)		
7	Answer ONE of the following questions related to the planned habitat improvement score from the eFOTG Kansas Wildlife Habitat Assessment Guide (KWHAG):		
	The planned habitat value improvement score from the KWHAG is:		
	a) greater than or equal to 31	(20 points)	
	b) between 21 and 30	(15 points)	
	c) between 11 and 20	(10 points)	
	d) between 1 and 10	(5 points)	
8	Answer the following question related to partner's financial assistance contribution:		
	Is the partner's financial assistance contribution to the WHDP greater than or equal to 10 percent? (10 points)		
9	Answer the following question related to access programs:		
	Are the WHDP acres currently enrolled in KDWP Walk-In Hunting Areas (WHIA), Fishing Impoundment Stream Habitat (FISH), or similar access programs? (5points)		