

**FISCAL YEAR 2009 - KANSAS  
WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PROGRAM  
RANKING WORKSHEET**

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

**NAME**  **COUNTY**

**TOTAL WHIP PLAN OF OPERATIONS (WPO) 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"/>		
4) Inadequate Water	<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 = 6

1) Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitats? (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Are the planned restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitat conservation practices of a self-sustaining nature such as a native perennial plant? (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat to benefit at-risk species? (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Will the treatment intended 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"/>
5) Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the reduction of invasive species on fish and wildlife habitats? (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/>
6) Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of declining or important aquatic wildlife species' habitats? (1 point)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**State Issues**

Total possible points 450

<b>1</b>	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 WPO meet the minimum requirements for a targeted species of statewide concern (pheasants, bobwhite quail, or prairie chicken) based on Kansas WHIP Species Specific Habitat Assessment? (40 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b) Will the WPO 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 WPO restore, enhance, or create identified natural communities? (wetlands, prairie, or riparian areas) (30 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	d) Will the WPO 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 WPO address habitat for non-priority species? (5 points)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2</b>	If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to native grass. If none apply, leave the answers "NO":	
	Will the WPO acres include a native grass seeding or an existing stand of native grass that is:	
	a) greater than or equal to 80 acres (50 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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<b>State Issues (continued)</b>		Total possible points 450	
<b>3</b>	<p>Answer the following question related to Kansas WHIP Essential Habitat Area:</p> <p>Will the WPO address brush management on all of the applicable offered acres within the Kansas WHIP Essential Habitat Areas as found in the Conservation Program GIS Interface (CPGI)? (Each field in the application must have at least a portion within the essential habitat area to be eligible for the points.) (50 points)</p>		[ ]
<b>4</b>	<p>If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to tree species with invasive potential:</p> <p>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).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">a) Low level of Infestation (50 points) b) Medium level of Infestation (25 points) c) High level of Infestation (10 points)</p>		[ ] [ ] [ ]
<b>5</b>	<p>If applicable, answer ONE of the following questions related to complementary conservation programs. If none apply, leave the answers "NO":</p> <p>Are there complementary conservation programs, other than federal WHIP, including Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), 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) Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, or other similar programs that are actively managed for wildlife on the applicant's land or adjacent to the WPO acres?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">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)</p>		[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
<b>6</b>	<p>Answer the following question related to the WPO acres:</p> <p>Are the WPO acres adjacent to property with long-term conservation easements (&gt; 10 years) that are actively managed for wildlife? (25 points)</p>		[ ]
<b>7</b>	<p>Answer ONE of the following questions related to the planned habitat improvement score from the eFOTG Kansas Wildlife Habitat Assessment Guide (KWHAG):</p> <p>The planned habitat value improvement score from the KWHAG is:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">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)</p>		[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
<b>8</b>	<p>Answer the following question related to partner's financial assistance contribution:</p> <p>Is the partner's financial assistance contribution to the WPO greater than or equal to 10 percent? (10 points)</p>		[ ]
<b>9</b>	<p>Answer the following question related to access programs:</p> <p>Are the WPO acres currently enrolled in KDWP Walk-In Hunting Areas (WHIA), Fishing Impoundment Stream Habitat (FISH), or similar access programs? (5 points)</p>		[ ]
<b>10</b>	<p>Answer the following question related to wetland habitat:</p> <p>Will the WPO acres include a shallow water development or a wetland development of &lt; 10 acres in size, that includes either an existing or planned buffer of native grass at least 30 feet wide? (190 points)</p>		[ ]