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**SUBJECT: LTP–Fiscal Year 2013 Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program–  
Ranking Process–National Priorities**

**Purpose.** Distribute the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) national priorities questions for the Program Contracts System (ProTracts) Application Evaluation and Ranking Tool (AERT) and provide guidance on addressing these questions

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2014

The national priorities section of the ProTracts AERT is scored on whether the application is addressing national concerns. All national questions will be answered for each WHIP Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) application that is ranked.

The attached guidance will be used to answer the national questions to ensure consistency statewide. Only practices receiving financial assistance under the WHIP application are to be considered for any question in the ProTracts AERT.

**Contact.** Forward all questions through established channels to Chad G. Volkman, Resource Conservationist, at (785) 823-4568, or [chad.volkman@ks.usda.gov](mailto:chad.volkman@ks.usda.gov).

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