

Issue Paper for Oregon Technical Advisory Committee

Topic:	State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE)	
Presenter / Sponsor(s):	Lois Loop, FSA	
Issue Statement:	A new initiative has been announced by FSA that allows a state-level program to install practices that benefit high priority State wildlife conservation objectives through the use of targeted restoration of vital habitat.	
Action Required:	<input type="checkbox"/> Review & Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Advice Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Other:: _____
Background:	<p>Certain practices have only been available through the Standard CRP and so have only been used on application competitive enough to meet a nation-wide point system. Through SAFE those practices plus the ones that have been available through the Continuous CRP and CREP can now be used in a non-competitive program that carries additional incentives. The program will offer annual rental payments, cost-share to implement the practices and a Signing Incentive Payment and a Practice Incentive Payment. Some of the additional details of this program are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is available on cropland (Marginal pastureland not eligible) • can be used to restore habitat for T 7 E species, species that have suffered a significant population decline • species that provide significant social and economic value to the community • Contract for 10-15 years • Oregon allotted 5500 acres • Proposal to use this program must be developed and Federal State of local agency or by an NGO. These proposals will be submitted first to FSA State office and then will be reviewed by OTAC which will report recommendations to FSA STC. The STC will then forward the proposal to FSA national office • The proposal may involve an area within the state or the entire state • A state may have multiple practices approved and implemented within a project area • Deadline for submission to national office is November 1, 2007 • Are criteria for performance reporting for approved proposals 	
Progress / Current Status:	Information is submitted to OTAC.	
Technical / Staff Recommendation:	N/A	
Attachment:	Additional information is contained in the FSA notice will be distributed at the May meeting.	