

FY2003 WHIP RANKING CRITERIA – WESTERN WASHINGTON

Participant Name		Date	
Ranking Individual		Application No.	
Ecological Score		Total Ranking Criteria Score	

Location							
¼ section		Section		Township		Range	
PRMS Customer Type: (check one)							
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Org. <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Gov't <input type="checkbox"/> State or Local Gov't <input type="checkbox"/>							
Land Eligible YES <input type="checkbox"/> (Requires a minimum of 70 Ranking Points) NO <input type="checkbox"/>							
Local NRCS Contact (Name, Phone and Email):							
Participant Address:							
Phone:		Fax:		Email:			
County			Congressional District		Conservation District		
FSA Tract No.				HU Code (8 digit)			
Total WHIP Acres							
Habitat Type				Offered Acres of Habitat Benefited			
				Upland Acres			
				Wetland Acres			
				Riparian Acres			
				Aquatic (ponds/lakes) Acres			
				Aquatic (streams) Acres			
T & E Acres							
Total Estimated Cost						Requested Cost Share Dollars	
WHIP Objective: Describe wildlife habitat restoration needs, resource problems and wildlife species targeted.							
Describe how landowner's objectives contribute to native habitat restoration:							

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Landowner _____

Ecological Considerations (150 points possible):

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| <p>1. Restoration of Native Vegetation on Priority Habitats - <u>Choose One</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Planting and/or management promotes establishment or maintenance of a mix of native prairie vegetation 20 b. Planting and/or management promotes healthy oak habitat (oak woodland or oak savanna) 20 c. Planting and/or management promotes establishment or maintenance of a mix of native and beneficial non-native prairie vegetation 15 d. Planting and/or management promotes establishment or maintenance of a beneficial a non-native herbaceous mixture (prairie imitation, etc.) 5 e. Habitat restoration/enhancement on non-prairie/oak woodland 0 <p>2. Habitat size and Diversity - <u>Choose one or more</u> 30 Points Maximum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Restoration or maintenance includes: 15
 10 or more acres of Prairie
 1 or more acres of Oak Woodland b. Less than 5 acres of Prairie 10
 Less than one acre of Oak Woodland
 5 or more acres of woody Riparian vegetation
 Estuaries (all sizes) c. Less than 5 acres of woody Riparian vegetation 5
 Forestland (upland practices only)
 Wetlands (less than 10 acres) d. All other habitat types 0 <p>3. Conversion to Wildlife Habitat</p> <p>Restoration/Enhancement will result in management of cropland, pastureland, hayland, or forestland with wildlife as the primary objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes 20 b. No 0 | <h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">Notes</h1> |
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Note: Management practices which are necessary to maintain the desired habitat type (haying, mowing, etc.) are allowed when applied according to the Wildlife Habitat Development Plan.

4. Contributions to Sensitive Wildlife and Plant Species **30 Points maximum**

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| a. Federal or state listed threatened, endangered, designated critical habitat*, or critical fish stock (WDFW SASSI) | 15 |
| b. Federal or state listed candidate species or depressed fish stock (WDFW SASSI) | 10 |
| c. State Priority Species (Only designated/mapped key Areas, See PHS maps) | 5 |
| d. None | 0 |

Note: Site and restoration activities must directly impact recovery or protection of identified species. Points awarded per species (points awarded once per species, not for multiple designations of the same species) up to a cumulative total of 30.

*Associated with Federal or State ESA listing or Recovery Plan

List species and describe direct habitat benefits _____

5. Proximity to other protected habitat

Site is located on or adjacent to an existing protected wildlife area (e.g. State Wildlife Management Area, USFWS refuge, The Nature Conservancy owned Site, WRP easement, or other lands managed primarily for wildlife)

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| a. Restoration on protected wildlife area | 10 |
| b. Adjacent to protected wildlife area (within one mile) | 5 |
| c. Not adjacent to protected wildlife area | 0 |

Name of protected site: _____

6. Restoration improves habitat conditions on an identified priority habitat type

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| a. WHIP Priority Habitat (Prairie, Oak Woodland) | 20 |
| b. WHIP Secondary Habitat (Riparian, Wetland, Forestland, Estuary) | 15 |
| c. WDFW Priority Habitat (PHS) (other than above) | 5 |
| d. Neither a, b, or c | 0 |

7. Project area included in Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Area OR Band-tailed pigeon habitat area (Refer to maps provided by NRCS)

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| a. Yes | 10 |
| b. No | 0 |

8. Likelihood of Habitat Restoration Success

Please fill out attached evaluation and place Average score here→ _____

Ecological Subtotal_____

Economic Considerations:

9. O & M cost of practice (operation and maintenance)

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| a. Low O+M (no maintenance after establishment period) | 10 |
| b. Medium O+M (structures requiring periodic maintenance or structure replacement) | 5 |
| c. High O+M (structures requiring annual maintenance or management) | 1 |

10. Landowner/Partnership contribution reduces project cost (Technical Assistance or Financial Assistance)

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| a. ≥50% reduction for NRCS | 20 |
| b. 26-49% reduction for NRCS (Staff other than NRCS develops WHDP) | 15 |
| c. 10-25% reduction for NRCS | 10 |
| d. 1-9% reduction for NRCS | 5 |
| e. No reduction for NRCS | 0 |

11. Restoration cost per acre

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| a. <\$1000 | 10 |
| b. \$1000 or greater | 5 |

Economic Subtotal_____

Social Considerations:

12. Education and recreational benefits {research occurring on site, outdoor education site, public access (with landowner agreement on private land)}

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| a. Yes | 10 |
| b. No | 0 |

Social Subtotal_____

**WHIP 2003 "Likelihood of Success" Evaluation
Western Washington**

Name:					
Project Type:					
Score only those criteria that are applicable to the applicant's habitat project					
You may assign scores falling between the set point values.					
<i>Practice:</i>	<i>Invasive Plant Removal</i>	<i>Planting/Renovating Native Grass/Forb Species in Existing Plant Community</i>	<i>Planting Native Trees/Shrubs into Existing Compatible Plant Community</i>	<i>Soil Conditions</i>	<i>Disturbance</i>
Description:	Removal of invasive species will result in what percentage of native community intact?	Percentage of native plant community remaining?	Expected competition from existing plant community:	Percentage of "native" soil conditions remaining/reestablished (nutrients, soil type, infiltration rate, etc.)	Unregulated or potentially damaging human/animal (livestock or wildlife) disturbance:
	<i>% intact:</i>	<i>% remaining:</i>	<i>Average height of mature competing vegetation:</i>	<i>% "site condition":</i>	<i>Level of disturbance:</i>
Points:					
10	≥ 80%	≥ 80%	≤ 15 inches	≥ 80%	Slight
5	40%	40%	≤ 30 inches	40%	Moderate
0	≤ 10%	≤ 10%	≥ 48 inches	≤ 10%	Severe
	Score: _____	Score: _____	Score: _____	Score: _____	Score: _____
Average Score: _____ = Likelihood of Success					
Enter on Ranking Sheet Question #8					