



**State Technical Advisory  
Committee  
And Local Working Groups**

January 25, 2011



## Agenda

- Introductions
- Roles and Responsibilities of the STAC and LWG
- FY 2010 Overview
- Individual LWG and DC Presentations FY 2010
- Overview of the Resource Based Inventory & Assessment
- Expectations and Timelines/Duality
- Draft LWG Meeting Design
- Feedback Q&A



**STAC**

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

- State Technical Advisory Committee
  - Assist in making recommendations relating to implementation and technical aspects of natural resource conservation activities and programs



STAC

Provide information, analysis, and recommendations on:

- Emerging natural resource concerns and program needs
- Conservation **standards and specifications**
- Program policy based on **resource data**
- Conservation priorities
- Criteria for conservation
  - Application and funding criteria
  - Recommended practices
  - Program payment percentages



**STAC**

Provide information, analysis, and recommendations on (continued):

- Review activities of **Local Working Groups**
  - Ensure state priorities are being addressed locally
  - Recommend on requests from LWGs
- Assist with outreach and public information efforts



LWG

## Roles and Responsibilities

### Local Working Groups

- Subcommittees to the STAC
  - Provide recommendations to **USDA** on **local and state** on natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs



**LWG**

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

- Develop a conservation needs assessment using community stakeholder input (participate in multi-county coordination)
- Use assessment to identify
  - priority resource concerns and high-priority areas needing assistance
  - funding needs and practices



LWG

## Roles and Responsibilities

- Recommend **USDA** program application and funding criteria, practices and payment rates
- Assist with **public outreach** and information efforts
- Recommend State and national program policy to the STAC based on resource data



**LWG**

## **Membership**

Should be diverse and focus on agricultural interests and natural resource issues in the local community



# **Fiscal Year 2010 Overview**

**Dave Brown**



# Northeast Team

## Funding Pools & Initial Allocation of Funds to Each Pool:

- Cropland 20%
- Grazing 20%
- Forest 20%
- Multiple Uses 30%
- Confined Animal 10%

<b>Funding Pool</b>	<b>Number of Applications</b>		<b>\$ Requested</b>	<b>Initial Allocation</b>	<b>Adjusted Allocation</b>	<b>Applications Funded</b>	
Cropland	5	(4 HU)	\$229,900	\$106,535	\$63,548	2	(2 HU)
Grazing	3	(1 HU)	\$200,760	\$106,535	\$81,854	1	(0 HU)
Forest	41	(23 HU)	\$711,012	\$106,535	\$149,465	9	(7 HU)
Multiple Uses	10	(6 HU)	\$400,878	\$159,802	\$97,490	1	(1 HU)
Confined Animal	0		\$0	\$53,267	\$0	0	



# West Palouse Team

Adams and Lincoln counties

- 2011 Funding = \$857,694

- 5 Pools:

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| • Confined Animal (10%)      | NO APPLICATIONS |
| • Cropland – Dry Land (30%)  | 34 applications |
| • Cropland – Irrigated (25%) | 14 applications |
| • Forest (10%)               | 5 applications  |
| • Grazing Land (25%)         | 6 applications  |
- Number of Applications Expected to be Funded-?



## Palouse Team

### 2011 EQIP Funding Pools Status:

- 1) CROPLAND (50%=\$365,648)
  - **26** Applications & fund **12**
- 2) CROPLAND TECHNOLOGY (10%=\$73,129)
  - **17** Applications & fund **10**
- 3) FOREST (10%=\$73,129)
  - **16** Applications & fund **12(?)**



## Palouse Team

### 2011 EQIP Funding Pools Status:

- 4) Multi-Land Use : RIPARIAN (20%=\$146,259)
  - **NO** Applications
- 5) Multi-Land Use: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (10%=\$73,129)
  - **2** Applications & fund **2**

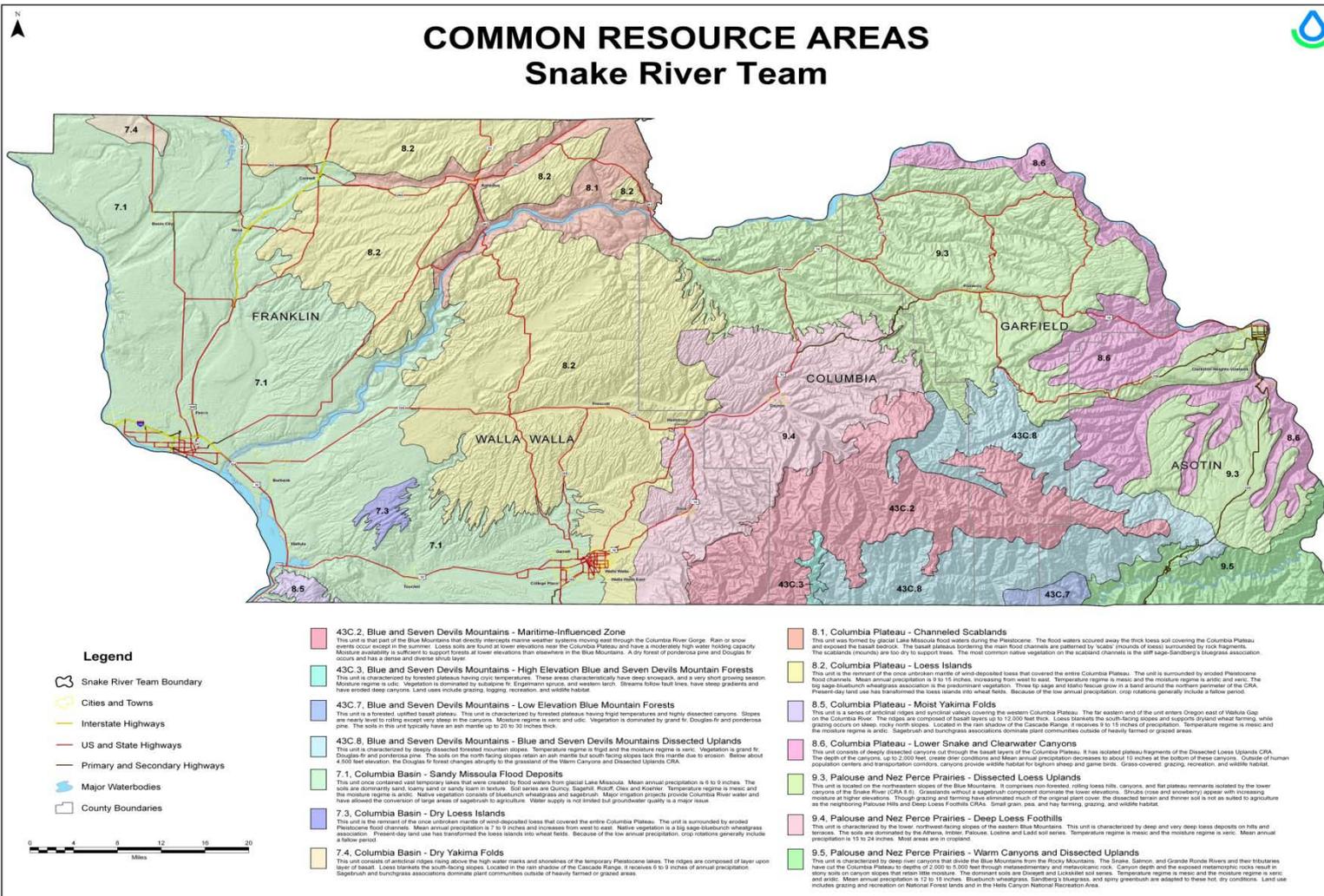


# NRCRC

# Snake River Team



## COMMON RESOURCE AREAS Snake River Team





## Snake River Team

### Funding Pools & Percent of Funds in Each Pool:

- Forest land 5%
- Grazing land 15%
- Livestock, confined 15%
- Cropland, Irrigated 25%
- Cropland, Dry 10%
- Cropland Technology 10%
- Multi – Resource 20%



## Snake River Team

### Number of Applications and \$ in Each Pool

- Grazing land 7 applications = \$263,478.00
- Forest Land 3 applications = \$21,397.00
- Livestock, Confined 3 applications = \$157,582.00
- Cropland, Irrigated 50 applications = \$2,533,176.00
- Cropland, Dry 13 applications = \$710,134.00
- Cropland Technology 6 applications = \$63,300.00
- Multi – Resource 11 applications = \$507,923.00



## Snake River Team

- Number of Applications Expected to be Funded
- Grazing land 5 applications = \$150,130.00
- Forest Land 3 applications = \$21,397.00
- Livestock, Confined 2 applications = \$110,775.00
- Cropland, Irrigated 7 applications = \$324,529.00
- Cropland, Dry 4 applications = \$122,098.00
- Cropland Technology 6 applications = \$63,300.00
- Multi – Resource 3 applications = \$192,620.00



NRCS

North Central Team

FY2011 General EQIP

Results of ranking and allocation for Chelan,  
Douglas and Okanogan Counties.

Estimating an initial allocation of \$632,000

33 applications (39%) pre-approved for plan and  
contract development.

“Forestry” = number 1 priority for fiscal year 2011



## North Central Team

- **Forestry** – 16 out of 24 eligible applicants (67%) pre-approved for \$146,103 (22%) – 14 in Okanogan Co., 1 in Douglas Co., and 1 in Chelan Co.
- **Grazing Land** - 2 out of 18 eligible applicants (11%) pre-approved for \$182,321 (26%) – 2 in Okanogan Co.
- **Irrigated Hayland/ Pasture** – 4 out of 25 eligible applicants (16%) pre-approved for \$126,866 (18%) – 4 in Okanogan Co.
- **Dry Cropland** – 5 out of 5 eligible applicants pre-approved for \$51,500 (8%) – 5 in Douglas County.



## North Central Team

- **Irrigated Orchard/Vineyard** – 4 out of 8 eligible applications (50%) preapproved for \$135,826 (20%) – 2 in Chelan Co., and 2 in Okanogan Co.
- **Technology Orchard Integrated Pest Mgmt** – 2 out of 4 eligible applications (50%) preapproved for \$37,972 (5%) – 1 in Chelan Co. and 1 in Okanogan Co.
- **TOTAL VALUE PREAPPROVED = \$680,588**
- **TOTAL INITIAL ALLOCATION = Estimate \$632,000**



## North Central Team

- The total estimated value of the 52 remaining “Pending” Applications is \$2,286,832
- Add this to the total of \$680,588 pre-approved applications and for FY2011 EQIP we have a total of \$2,967,420 in financial assistance requests for the 85 eligible applications



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Date: June 25, 2010

Subject: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) **Summary for FY2003 through FY2010** for Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan Counties. Note this does not include Tribal Funding Pool Contracts

**Table 1: Applications for Financial Assistance and funding success by County for the period FY2003 through FY2010.**

County	Eligible Applications	Applications Funded	Percentage Applicants Funded per Co. (%)	Total Funds	Percentage of Total Team Funds (%)	Average Costshare Per Contract	Total Estimated Value of Applications
Chelan	279	87	31%	\$1,953,430	21%	\$22,453	\$5,901,541
Douglas	239	101	42%	\$2,080,413	22%	\$20,598	\$5,021,231
Okanogan	456	170	37%	\$5,429,566	57%	\$31,938	\$16,709,798
<b>Totals</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>\$9,463,409</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$26,434</b>	<b>\$27,632,570</b>

Years 2003 through 2010 (8 years). Average Funding per year for those 8 years = \$1,182,926  
 Average Application Values per year = \$3,454,071

**Table 2: Number of applications/contracts by land use/resource concern category by County for Period FY2004 - FY2010\***

County	Irrigated Hayland	Irrigated Hayland Funds	Irrigated Orchard	Irrigated Orchard Funds	Forest land	Forest land Funds	Grazing land	Grazing Land Funds	Dry Cropland	Dry Cropland Funds	Techno-Orch IPM	Techno-Orch IPM Funds	Livestock AFO/CAFO	Livestock AFO/CAFO Funds
	Appl/Con		Appl/Con		Appl/Con		Apps/Con		Apps/Con		Apps/Con		Apps/Con	
Chelan	1/0	0	115/57	\$1,332,815	14/12	\$106,951	4/1	\$48,606	0/0	0	4/4	\$75,713	0	0
Douglas	5/1	\$50,000	40/13	\$329,492	3/2	\$8,202	41/15	\$629,738	74/56	\$722,298	0	0	1/1	\$23,332
Okanogan	39/10	\$360,246	65/19	\$877,535	72/58	\$637,684	38/17	\$933,233	2/2	\$30,815	2/2	\$69,076	2/1	\$49,331
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45/11</b>	<b>\$410,246</b>	<b>220/89</b>	<b>\$2,539,842</b>	<b>89/72</b>	<b>\$752,837</b>	<b>83/33</b>	<b>\$1,611,577</b>	<b>76/58</b>	<b>\$753,113</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>\$144,789</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>\$72,663</b>

\*Note that for FY2003 there were no funding pools by Landuse /Resource concerns. There was one funding pool and all applications were ranked on total resource concerns by all landuses.



## Big Bend Team

### Grant, Kittitas and Adams Counties

- Dryland (5%)
  - 2 applications – 2 funded
  - \$50,000
  
- Livestock (13%)
  - 7 applications – 3 funded
  - \$150,000



## Big Bend Team

Grant, Kittitas and Adams Counties

- Forestry (7%)
- 6 applications – 6 funded
- \$80,000
  
- New Technologies (5%)
- No applications



## Big Bend Team

Grant, Kittitas and Adams Counties

- Upper Yakima (23%)
- 30 applications – 7 funded
- \$350,000
  
- Ground Water Management Area (37%)
- 56 applications – 6 funded
- \$425,000



## Big Bend Team

Grant, Kittitas and Adams Counties

- 101 applications received
- \$4,950,000 total requests
- 24 applications Pre-approved
- \$1,100,000 allocated



## South Central Team

- Yakima, Benton, Klickitat Counties
- Dave Guenther – LWG Chair
- Chris Johnson – NRCS District Conservationist



# South Central Team

## Funding Pools

**Budget \$1,543,850**

LWG Applications (Overall) - 115

- Irrigated Ag (Cropland) – 25 percent
- Dryland (Cropland) – 20 percent
- Integrated Pest Management (Cropland) – 15 percent
- Livestock/Grazing (grazing land) – 25 percent
- New Technology (Cropland) – 5 percent
- Forestry – 10 percent



## South Central Team

### **Irrigated Ag (Cropland) - \$385,962**

- Number of Applications: 72
- Number of Applications preapproved: 18
- Typical Project: Irrigation improvement (surface conversion to drip or sprinkler)
- Location: Yakima County – lower valley



## South Central Team

### **Dryland (Cropland) - \$308,770**

- Number of Applications: 10
- Number of Applications preapproved: 4
- Typical Project: Adapting Direct Seed/Mulch Till practices from conventional tillage
- Location: Benton County –Horse Heaven Hills



## South Central Team

### **Integrated Pest Mgmt (cropland) - \$231,577**

- Number of Applications: 16
- Number of Applications Preapproved: 10
- Typical Project/Contract: Reducing organophosphate sprays to softer sprays on tree fruits, often including mating disruption.
- Location: Benton and Yakima County



## South Central Team

### **New Technology - \$77,192**

- Number of Applications: 9
- Number Preapproved: 2
- First year with this funding pool
- Typical Contract: Precision Ag, GPS guidance systems
- Location: Horse Heaven, dryland ag



## South Central Team

### **Grazing/Livestock - \$385,962**

- Number of Applications: 3
- Number Preapproved: 7
- Typical Contract: Water development, fencing on rangeland, waste storage for livestock confinement
- Location: Klickitat County



## South Central Team

### Forestry - \$154,385

- Number of Applications: 0
- We have funded several forestry contracts in the past
- Forestry contracts are something we are trying to promote to gain more interest
- SC-LWG wants to keep the opportunity available for small forest landowners



## South Central Team

### Other EQIP Signups

- Energy CAP – 25 applications, 25 preapproved
  - Pilot for FY 2011 in Yakima County dairy farms
- Tribal EQIP – 16 applications, 7 preapproved
  - Mostly pivot projects on the Yakama Nation (Reservation)



# South Central Team

## Local Workgroup FY 10 Summary

- Overall contracts developed: 49
- Dollars obligated: \$1,456,400
- Acres: 15,511
  
- Developed more contracts and received additional dollars due to complying with the April 1 deadline.



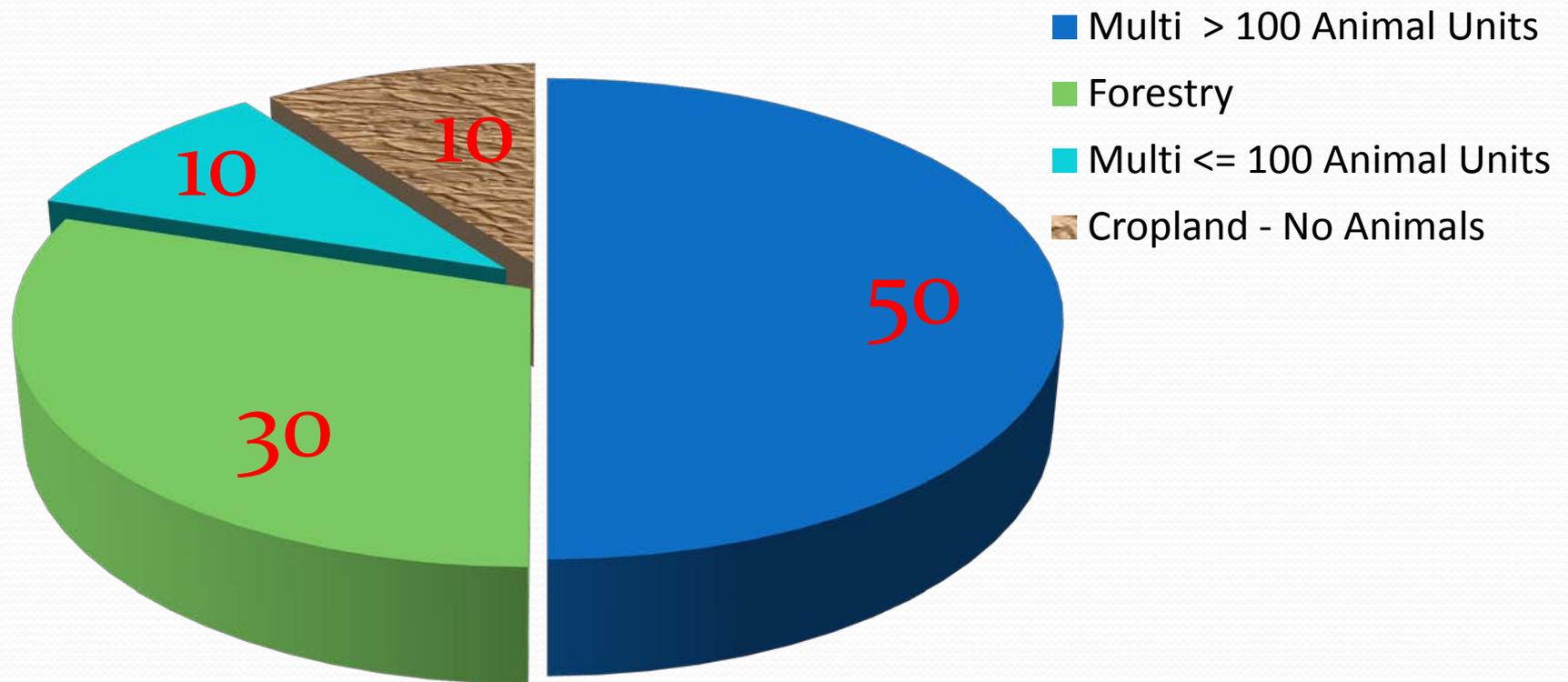
## Northwest Team

- Funding Pools
  - Multiple Land Use – Large Farm > 100 Animal Units
  - Forestland
  - Multiple Land Use - Small Farm  $\leq$  100 Animal Units
  - Cropland – No Animals



# Northwest Team

Percentage of funds in each pool





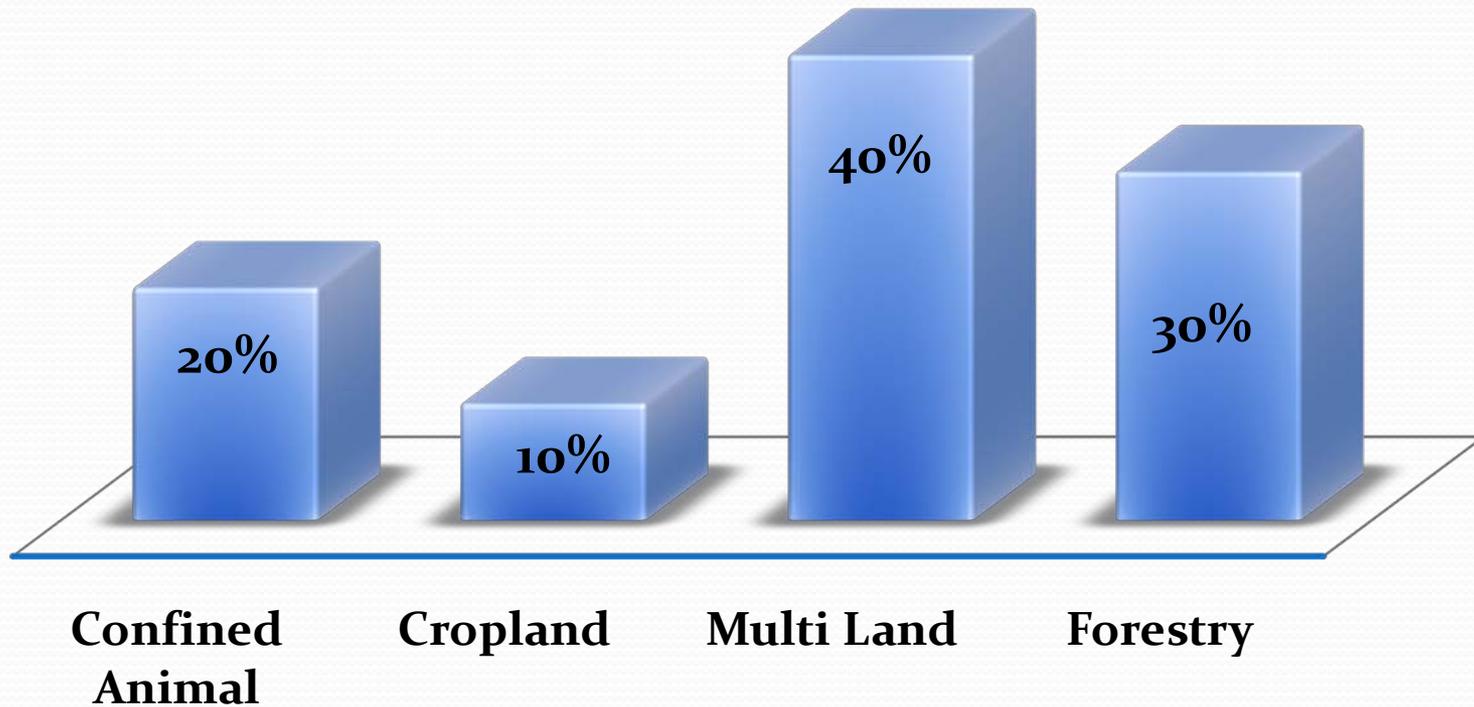
## Northwest Team

Fund Pool	# of Applications	\$\$ Amount of Initial Allocation
Multi > 100 Animal Units	51	\$496,560
Forestry	10	\$297,936
Multi <= 100 Animals	11	\$99,312
Cropland	10	\$99,312
TOTAL	82	\$993,120



# Puget Sound Team

## Funding Pools





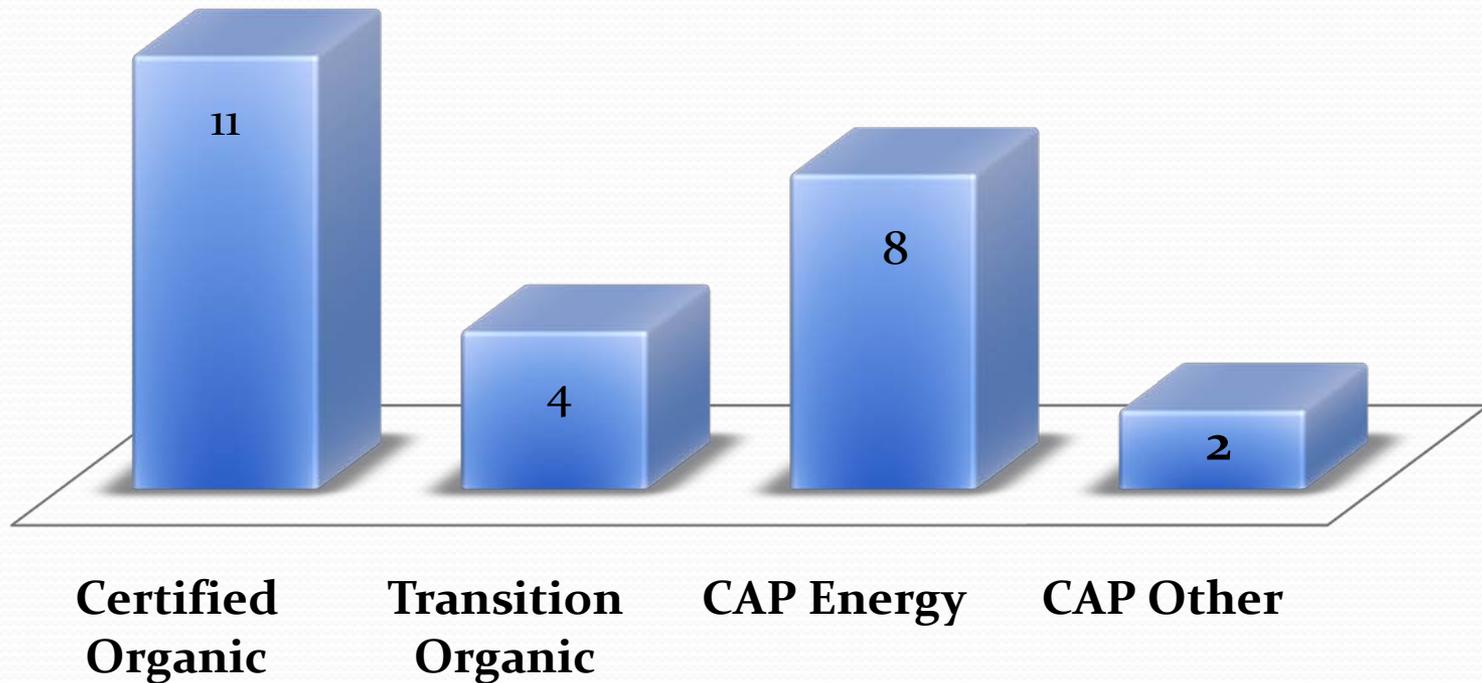
## Puget Sound Team

Fund Pool	# of Applications	\$\$ Amount Allotted for Applications
Confined Animal	4	\$95,700.65
Cropland	8	\$191,401.28
Multi Land use	21	\$382,802.89
Forestry	14	\$287,101.94



# Puget Sound Team

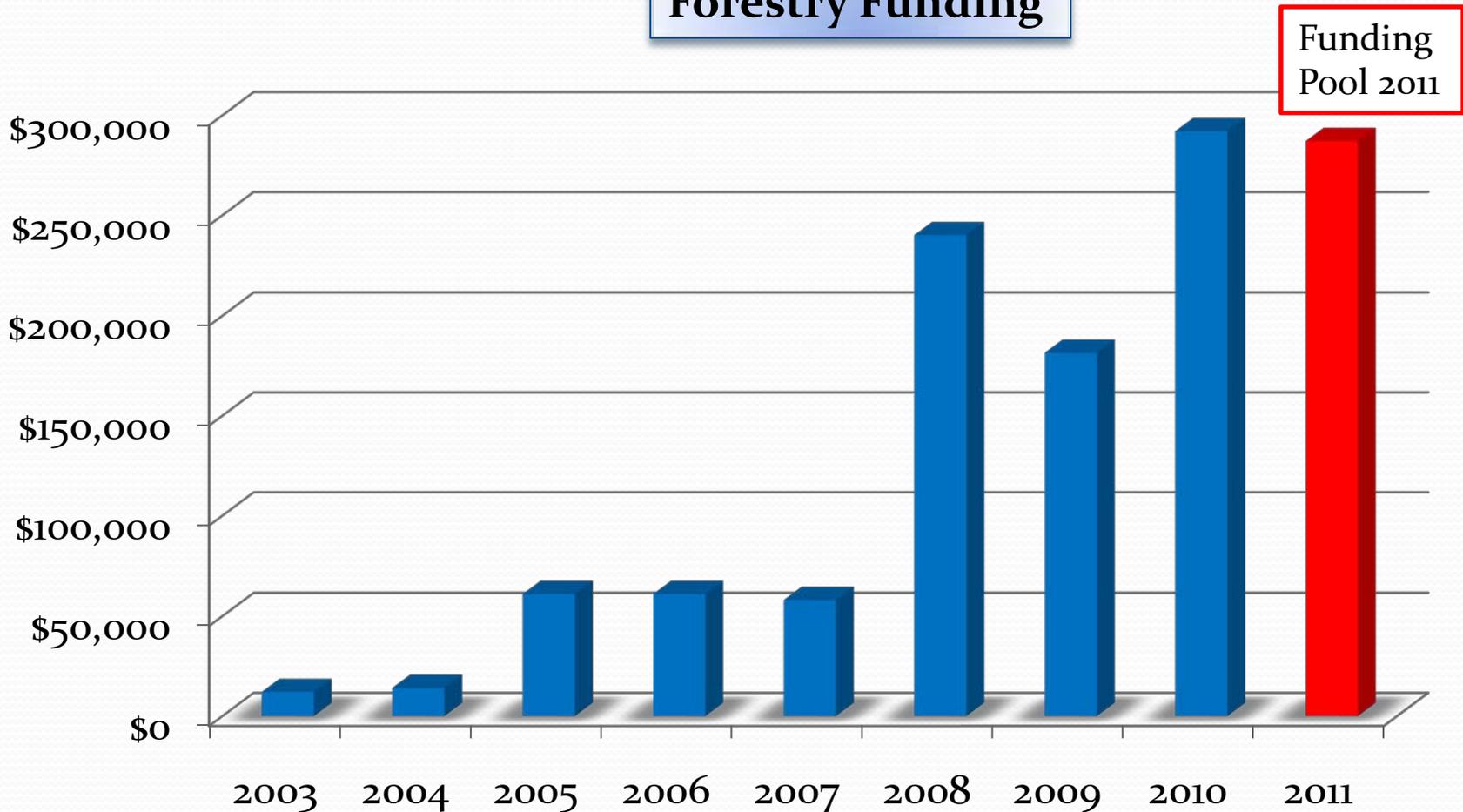
## Other Applicants





# Puget Sound Team

## Forestry Funding





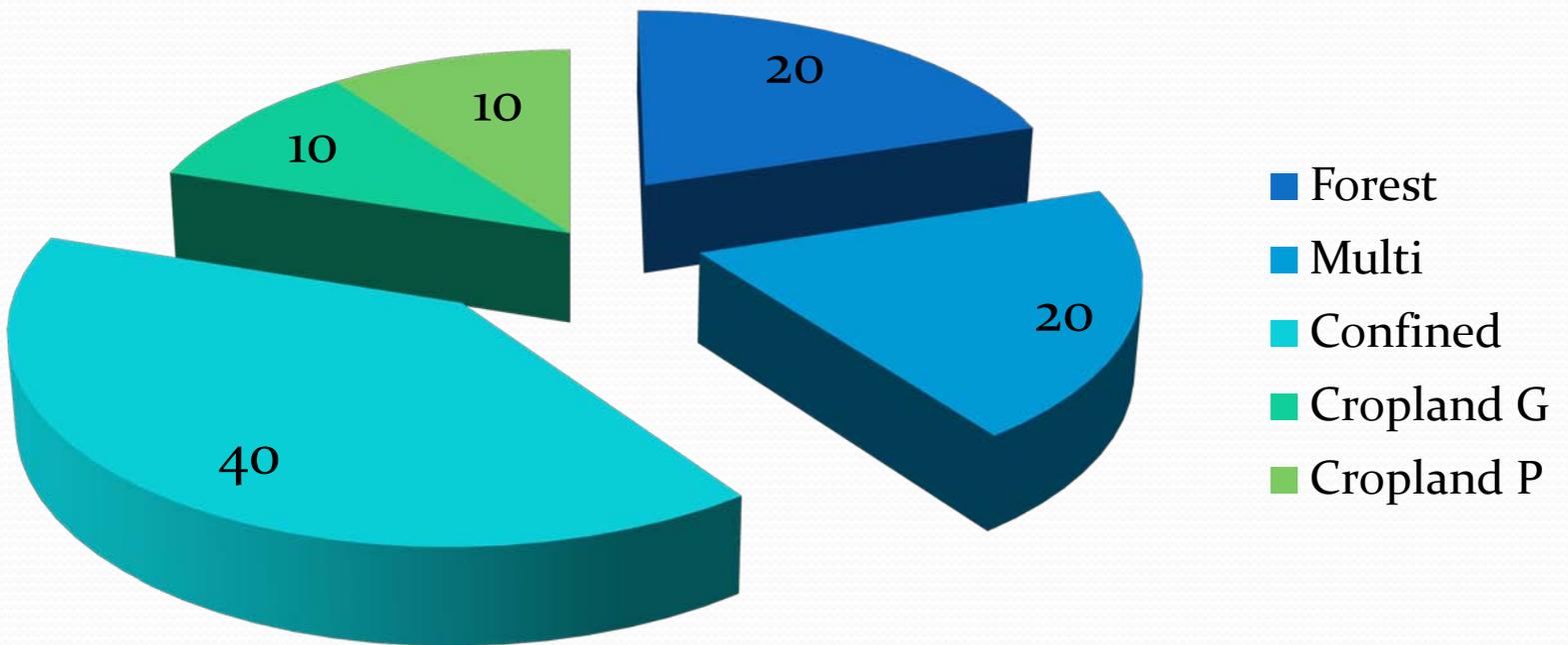
## Southwest Team

- Funding Pools
  - Forestland
  - Multi-Land Use
  - Confined Animals
  - Cropland (further divided into Cropland General and Cropland Pesticides in Surface Water)



# Southwest Team

Percentage of funds in each pool





## Southwest Team

Fund Pool	# of Applications	\$\$ Amount of Applications
Forest	42	\$451,151
Multi	8	\$122,600
Confined Animals	0	0
Crop (General)	3	\$12,000
Crop (Pesticide)	7	\$111,477



# Southwest Team

**TOTAL 55**

Fund Pool	# of Applications	# Funded with initial Allocation
Forest	42	37
Multi	8	8
Confined Animals	0	0
Crop (General)	3	3
Crop (Pesticide)	7	7



## Tribal LWG (Colville)

Tribal District Conservationist (Colville Confederated Tribes)

- \$1.20 million state wide
- 40% for CCT
- Only one pool for the CCT for 33 applications in amount of \$397,000
- Only 7 applications preapproved



# Overview of the Resource Based Inventory & Assessment

Peter Bautista



# Expectations and Timelines/Duality

Dave Brown



## LWG Work Sessions

### **LWG Work Session Objective:**

Review FY11 Farm Bill accomplishments, review natural resource data, including the most prevalent natural resource conservation issues to be addressed in the LWG area with various programs, review and revise (if needed) the EQIP ranking priorities, LWG membership and operating procedures.



# LWG Work Sessions

## **LWG Agenda (draft):**

- ✓ Opening Comments, Introductions, Objective & Agenda Review
- ✓ Overview of Local Work Group Role & Operating Procedures
- ✓ Past Year - Farm Bill Program Accomplishments
- ✓ Prevalent Natural Resource Conservation Needs
- ✓ Priority Natural Resource Conservation Needs
- ✓ Funding Pools
- ✓ Working Team Formation (option 1) or Ranking Questions, Eligible Practices & Cost Share (option 2)
- ✓ Next Steps & Closing Comments & Adjourn



Feedback

Questions and Answers