

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

NCT Grazing land

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: NCT Grazing land		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. 1. Will 3 or more SWAPA elements be treated through this EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Will all contracted practices be management, vegetative or non-engineering type practices, or if engineering practices are included will the participant supply the engineering design certified by a licensed professional engineer?(This includes producer-selected TSP designs)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. Will practices be implemented to treat surface water quality concerns in a planning unit that is immediately adjacent to a 303d listed (category 4 or 5) waterbody, as shown on the WA DOE web-based map? (http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. Will the initial contract length be limited to 5 years or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5. Will contracted practices assist the producer in complying with AFO/CFO, Tribal or Forest Practices Act laws and regulations or the Food Quality Protection Act?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is applicant certified as Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, or Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Grazing land answer all that apply	
7. 7. GRAZING LAND "Prescribed Grazing will be applied"? -Points will be awarded if the applicant agrees to apply prescribed grazing on the proposed contract acres. 110 Point(s)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. 8. GRAZING LAND "A Water Development for livestock will be applied to facilitate prescribed grazing"? -Points will be awarded if there is sufficient indication that there is a lack of adequate water quantity and/or availability for achieving proper grazing distribution and this is a limiting factor in achieving prescribed grazing objectives. 50 Point(s)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. 9. GRAZING LAND "Cross-fencing of grazing land will be applied to facilitate prescribed grazing"? -Points will be awarded if there is sufficient indication that there is a lack of adequate cross-fencing to achieve proper grazing distribution and this is a limiting factor in achieving prescribed grazing objectives. 40 Point(s)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. blank	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. 11. GRAZING LAND "Stream Crossing(s) will be applied to control livestock access to water, or crossings of water"? -Points will be awarded if a need is determined to exist for control of livestock access or crossing of water (streams, lakes, rivers, and ponds). 10 Point(s)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. 12. GRAZING LAND "Will applicant complete obstruction removal of abandoned livestock wire fencing"? Cannot be used in conjunction with replacement fencing cost-share for same location. 10 Point(s)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Grazing landUncontrolled Access ...answer yes only once for next three	
13. 13. GRAZING LAND (1 of 2) (answer yes to only one of next three) Uncontrolled access to riparian areas by livestock will be treated by fencing, use exclusion of the riparian area, and application of the forest riparian buffer practice (391)? -Points will be awarded if there are riparian areas in the management unit(s) involved in the EQIP application and they will be treated by application of all three of the following practices: Access Control (472), Fencing (382) and Riparian Forest Buffer (391). 20	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Point(s)	
14. 14. GRAZING LAND (2 of 2) Uncontrolled access to riparian areas by livestock will be treated by fencing (382) and Access Control (472) of the riparian area? -Points will be awarded if there are riparian areas in the management unit(s) involved in the EQIP application and they will be treated by Use Exclusion and fencing. 10 Point(s)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS..... answer all that apply	
32. 32. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS. LWG's top priority (FOREST LAND) 10 Point(s)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
33. 33. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS. Does applicant have an approved NRCS RMS level conservation plan on the EQIP planning unit? 30 Point(s)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
34. 34. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS. Is this the first application for this participant for this fiscal year's funding with no prior EQIP contracts?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
35. 35. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS. "Applicant's history of completing previous contracts"....Based on applicant's proven history of completing USDA conservation contracts, did applicant complete all past contract(s) in good standing?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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