

WASHINGTON STATE CENTRAL AREA 2009 WHIP RANKING

In Washington State, WHIP will be used on private lands where fish and wildlife habitat has been negatively impacted by agricultural activities, urban development, or invasive species.

One or more eligible WHIP cost-shared conservation practice(s) will be applied to address each Local Issue, State Issue, or National Priorities question answered yes.

National Priorities:

Number	Question	Points
1	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitats?	10
2	Are the planned restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitat conservation practices of a self-sustaining nature such as a native perennial plant?	40
3	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat to benefit at-risk species?	25
4	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for Federally listed threatened and endangered wildlife species?	25
5	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the reduction of invasive species on fish and wildlife habitats?	30
6	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of declining or important aquatic wildlife species' habitats?	1
	Total Points	131

State Issues:

Number	Question	Points
1	Will the likelihood of success of the project be HIGH, with few or no habitat restoration problems during and after the establishment period?	50
2	Will the likelihood of success of the project be MEDIUM, with moderate problems associated with the restoration activity?	10
3	Will the likelihood of success of the project be LOW, with a high degree of disturbance, competition, indefinite use of irrigation,	-5

	and/or continued maintenance of structures?	
4	Will the cost of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) be LOW, with minimal or no maintenance after establishment?	50
5	Will the cost of O&M be MEDIUM, with structures, systems, or plantings requiring periodic (less than annual) maintenance or replacement?	10
6	Will the cost of O&M be HIGH, with structures, systems, or plantings requiring at least annual maintenance and/or management?	1
7	Will the applicant (with landowner agreement) allow public access for educational or recreational use, such as outdoor recreation site, outdoor classroom, and/or onsite research?	15
8	Will all contracted practices be 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)	101
9	Is applicant certified as Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, or Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher?	5
	Total Points	221

Local Issues:

Number	Question	Points
1	Sage grouse.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Sage grouse in Adams, Chelan, Grant, Okanogan, Benton, Douglas, Kittitas or Yakima County?	50
2	Sharp-tailed grouse.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Sharp-tailed grouse in Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant or Okanogan County?	35
3	White-headed woodpecker..... Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting White-headed woodpecker?.....(any county)	25
4	Burrowing owl..... Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Burrowing owl?.....(any county)	25
5	Pygmy rabbit.....Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Pygmy rabbit in Adams, Chelan, Grant, Okanogan, Benton, Douglas, Kittitas or Yakima County?	25
6	Western gray squirrel..... Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Western gray squirrel in Klickitat, Skamania, Okanogan, or Chelan County?	25
7	Black-tailed jack rabbit Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Black-tailed jack rabbit in Adams, Chelan, Grant, Douglas, Okanogan, Benton, Kittitas or Yakima County?	15

8	White-tailed jack rabbit..... Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting White-tailed jack rabbit in Adams, Chelan, Grant, Douglas, Okanogan, Benton, Kittitas or Yakima County?	15
9	Ring-necked pheasant..... Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Ring-necked pheasant?	5
10	Mule Deer..... Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Mule Deer?	5
11	Elk..... Will habitat be restored that is capable of supporting Elk?	5
12	Is primary habitat classified as Shrub-steppe or Eastside Grassland?	200
13	Is primary habitat classified as Riparian?..... (planting only)	150
14	Is primary habitat classified as Agricultural Land?	150
15	Is primary habitat classified as Wetland?	100
16	Is primary habitat classified as Upland Woodland or other Forestland?	50
17	Is primary habitat classified as Oregon White Oak Woodland?	150
18	Is primary habitat classified as Instream?	1
19	Shrub-steppe or Eastside Grassland Is the planning area unfragmented and will contain a substantial amount of interior habitat that will resemble the site potential of the natural community? These are typically, but not limited to, greater than 100 acres.	35
20	Shrub-steppe or Eastside Grassland Is the planning unit a fragmented area that contains isolated units of shrub-steppe/eastside grassland? This unit will resemble the site potential natural community when restored. These are typically, but not limited to, less than 100 acres.	20
21	Shrub-steppe or Eastside Grassland Will participant establish greater than 70% native plants, and at least one native shrub?	75
22	Shrub-steppe or Eastside Grassland Will agreement area be protected with fencing or use exclusion?	20
23	Riparian Areas Will riparian area be protected with fencing or use exclusion?	60
24	Riparian Areas Will restoration of vegetation consist of greater than 70% native plants to include trees/shrubs and herbaceous cover?	50
25	Agricultural Land Will targeted species use planning area? Or is the planning area adjacent to open space and is used for breeding or regular feeding? Or does the open space function as a corridor between essential habitats? These are typically, but not limited to, greater than 5 acres.	30

26	Agricultural Land Do targeted species use planning area during part of the year and unit is surrounded by agricultural developments? These are typically, but not limited to, less than 5 acres.	20
27	Agricultural Land Will restoration of vegetation consist of greater than 70% native herbaceous plants?	50
28	Agricultural Land Will restoration of vegetation consist of greater than 70% native herbaceous plants with trees/shrubs	25
29	Agricultural Land Will applicant establish food plots with no cost-share?	15
30	Agricultural Land Will applicant delay seedbed preparation over winter on agreement area or controlled adjacent field? (e.g. corn stubble left over winter)	10
31	Wetland Restoration Will wetland area be protected with fencing or use exclusion?	50
32	Wetland Restoration Will woody plantings be established on areas needing treatment?	25
33	Wetland Restoration Is hydrology restoration needed and planned?	1
34	Upland Woodland, Oregon White Oak Woodland or other Forestland Habitat Restoration Will oak seedlings be established on OWO habitat?	50
35	Upland Woodland, Oregon White Oak Woodland or other Forestland Habitat Restoration..... Will cover be reestablish on disturbed sites, using species beneficial to wildlife?	30
36	Upland Woodland, Oregon White Oak Woodland or other Forestland Habitat Restoration..... Will diversity be improved by under planting tree or shrubs into a monoculture?	30
37	Additional Habitat Considerations: Will enhancement or restoration result in conversion of cropland or hayland, to wildlife habitat as the primary land use?..... Cropland or hayland converted to wildlife land as a primary use	50
38	Additional Habitat Considerations: Will enhancement or restoration result in conversion of rangeland, pastureland or grazed woodland to wildlife habitat as the primary land use?..... Livestock exclusion and management restores grazing land for wildlife (i.e., enhancement of degraded range)	50
39	Will applicant part of a group application within a priority sub-watershed area?	50

40	Distance to human disturbance is Greater than 2640 feet?..... (Cropland not a disturbance)	20
41	Distance to human disturbance is 1321 feet to 2640 feet?..... (Cropland not a disturbance)	15
42	Distance to human disturbance is 661 feet to 1320 feet?..... (Cropland not a disturbance)	10
43	Distance to human disturbance is 331 feet to 660 feet?..... (Cropland not a disturbance)	5
44	Distance to human disturbance is Less than 300 feet?..... (Cropland not a disturbance)	-17
	Total Points	1800