

FY2004 WHIP RANKING CRITERIA – WESTERN WASHINGTON

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

Land Eligible *(Requires a minimum of 70 Ranking Points)*

Location

¼ section		Section		Township		Range	
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Applicant Category:

Participant Address:

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Applicant is: Owner Operator (Operators Proof of Control attached)

Applicant Eligible under Adjusted Gross Income Limit: YES NO (As certified to FSA, per 7 CFR Part 1400)

Land Eligible: YES NO Privately Tribal State, County, Local Gov't Owned

Local NRCS Contact (Name, Phone and Email):

County		FSA Farm & Tract No.		Conservation District	
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Invasive Species Controlled or Eradicated: _____ acres

Total WHIP acres offered: _____

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: List planned practices:

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Landowner: _____

Ecological Considerations (170 points possible):

1. Restoration of Native Vegetation on Priority Habitats - Choose One **20 Points Maximum**
- 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 non-native herbaceous mixture (prairie imitation, etc.) 5
 - e. Habitat restoration/enhancement on non-prairie/oak woodland 0

2. Habitat size and Diversity - Choose one or more **30 Points Maximum**
 Restoration or maintenance includes:
- a. 10 or more acres of Prairie or 1 or more acres of Oak Woodland 15
 - b. Less than 5 acres of Prairie or Less than one acres of Oak Woodland or 5 or more acres of woody Riparian Vegetation or Estuaries (all sizes) 10
 - c. Less than 5 acres of woody Riparian vegetation or Forestland (upland practices only) or Wetlands (less than 10 acres) 5
 - d. All other habitat types 0

3. Conversion to Wildlife Habitat- Choose One **20 Points Maximum**
 Restoration/Enhancement will result in management of cropland, pastureland, hayland, or forestland with wildlife as the primary objective
- a. Yes 20
 - b. No 0

Note: Management practices which are necessary to maintain the desired habitat type (haying, mowing, etc.) are

4. Contributions to Sensitive Wildlife and Plant Species **30 Points Maximum**
- Choose one or more
- 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

List number of T&E species benefited

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Landowner: _____

5. Proximity to other protected habitat- Choose One 10 Points Maximum

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)

a. Restoration on protected wildlife area	10	<input type="text"/>
b. Adjacent to protected wildlife area (within one mile)	5	<input type="text"/>
c. Not adjacent to protected wildlife area	0	<input type="text"/>

Name of protected site: _____

6. Restoration improves habitat conditions on an identified priority habitat type
Choose One 40 Points Maximum

a. WHIP Priority Habitat (Prairie, Oak Woodland)	20	<input type="text"/>
b. WHIP Secondary Habitat (Riparian, Wetland, Forestland, Estuary)	15	<input type="text"/>
c. WDFW Priority Habitat (PHS) (other than above)	5	<input type="text"/>
d. Neither a, b, or c	0	<input type="text"/>

7. Project area included in Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Area OR Band-tailed pigeon habitat area (Refer to
Choose One 10 Points Maximum

a. Yes	10	<input type="text"/>
b. No	0	<input type="text"/>

8. Likelihood of Habitat Restoration Success
Please fill out attached evaluation and place average score here

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Ecological Subtotal out of **170**

Economic Considerations: (80 points possible)

9. O & M cost of practice (operation and maintenance) - Choose One 10 Points Maximum

a. Low O+M (no maintenance after establishment period)	10	<input type="text"/>
b. Medium O+M (requiring periodic maintenance or structure replacement)	5	<input type="text"/>
c. High O+M (structures requiring annual maintenance or management)	1	<input type="text"/>

10. Landowner/Partnership contribution reduces project cost (Technical or Financial Assistance) Choose One 20 Points Maximum

a. 50% reduction for NRCS	20	<input type="text"/>
b. 26-49% reduction for NRCS (Staff other than NRCS develops WHDP)	15	<input type="text"/>
c. 10-25% reduction for NRCS	10	<input type="text"/>
d. 1-9% reduction for NRCS	5	<input type="text"/>
e. No reduction for NRCS	0	<input type="text"/>

11. Restoration cost per acre- Choose One 50 Points Maximum

a. <\$1000	<input type="text"/> per acre	50	<input type="text"/>
b. \$1000 - \$3000		30	<input type="text"/>
c. \$3001 - \$5000		15	<input type="text"/>
d. >\$5000		5	<input type="text"/>

Economic Subtotal

Social Considerations: (10 points possible)

12. Education and recreational benefits {research occurring on site, outdoor education site, public access (with landowner agreement on private land)}- Choose One 10 Points Maximum

a. Yes	10	<input type="text"/>
b. No	0	<input type="text"/>

Social Subtotal

WHIP 2004 "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.*

Practice: Invasive Plant Removal		Max Score	Your Score
<i>Removal of invasive species will result in</i>	>80%	10	
<i>what percentage of native community intact?</i>	10%-80%	5	
	<10%	0	

Practice: Planting/Renovating Native Grass/Forb Species in Existing Plant Community			
<i>What percentage of native plant</i>	>80%	10	
<i>community is remaining?</i>	10%-80%	5	
	<10%	0	

Practice: Planting Native Trees/Shrubs into Existing Compatible Plant Community			
<i>Expected competition from existing plant</i>	<15 inches	10	
<i>community: What is the average height</i>	<30 inches	5	
<i>of mature competing vegetation?</i>	>48 inches	0	

Practice: Soil Conditions			
<i>What percentage of "native" soil</i>	>80%	10	
<i>conditions remaining/ reestablished</i>	10%-80%	5	
<i>(nutrients, soil type, infiltration rate, etc.)</i>	<10%	0	

Practice: Disturbance			
<i>What is the level of unregulated or</i>	Slight	10	
<i>potentially damaging human/animal</i>	Moderate	5	
<i>(livestock or wildlife) disturbance?</i>	Severe	0	

10 Points Maximum Average Score

Total Score	Average Score
0	#DIV/0!

Fill in Average Success score on question # 8 of WHIP ranking sheet