

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary  
 CCPI Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Program: WHIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: CCPI Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	40 Point(s)
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	40 Point(s)
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	20 Point(s)
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	20 Point(s)
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	20 Point(s)
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	20 Point(s)
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	20 Point(s)
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	15 Point(s)
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	10 Point(s)
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	10 Point(s)
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	15 Point(s)
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	20 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Has the applicant had any NRCS contract either cancelled or terminated in the last 3 years or do they have a contract that is in the process of being cancelled or terminated?	-400 Point(s)
2. Does the applicant have a current NRCS contract that has or had practices that are two or more years behind schedule? In other words, has this applicant had difficulties completing NRCS contracts in a timely manner in the past?	-200 Point(s)

The project occurs in which Focus area? (please answer 1 of the next 3 questions)	
3. Owyhee Focus Area	100 Point(s)
4. Boise / Fairfield Focus Area.	50 Point(s)
5. West Central Focus Area	25 Point(s)
Answer one of the next two questions if applicable but not both.	
6. The conservation plan will address habitat restoration of Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse or Sage Grouse	75 Point(s)
7. The conservation plan will address habitat restoration of native birds or mammals of Local, State or Federal concern.	50 Point(s)
Does the project occur in an area that has been designated as Elk Summer Range? (please answer 1 of the next 3 questions)	
8. Elk numbers using the summer range - 1 to 40	10 Point(s)
9. Elk numbers using the summer range - 41 to 100	30 Point(s)
10. Elk numbers using the summer range - 101+	50 Point(s)
Does the project occur in an area that has been designated as Elk Winter Range? (please answer 1 of the next 3 questions)	
11. Elk numbers using the winter range - 1 to 40	25 Point(s)
12. Elk numbers using the winter range - 41 to 100	50 Point(s)
13. Elk numbers using the winter range - 101+	75 Point(s)
Does the project occur in an area that has been designated as an Elk Calving Area? (please answer 1 of the next 3 questions)	
14. Elk numbers using the calving area - 1 to 40	25 Point(s)
15. Elk numbers using the calving area - 41 to 100	50 Point(s)
16. Elk numbers using the calving area - 101+	100 Point(s)

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Site is known and documented to be used by Species of Special concern and the project will directly impact recovery and/or protection of the species of concern.	20 Point(s)
2. The project compliments an existing Resource Management System that has been installed and is operational.	10 Point(s)
3. The project accomplishes the restoration or protection of one or more identified priority habitats that include (riparian, steams, wetlands, shrub/steppe and grassland habitats). Work to restore or enhance the identified priority areas is needed to answer yes to these criteria.	60 Point(s)
4. Conservation plan includes the establishment or management of vegetative habitat.	30 Point(s)
5. There is a signed partnership (i.e. IDFG, USF&WS, TNC etc.) contribution.	12 Point(s)
Answer YES to only ONE of questions 6, 7, or 8 on establishment cost.	
6. The project establishment cost per acre is <\$50/acre.	10 Point(s)
7. The project establishment cost per acre is \$51 - \$150/acre.	5 Point(s)
8. The project establishment cost per acre is GREATER than \$150/acre.	3 Point(s)
Answer YES to only ONE of questions 9, 10, or 11 on cost of operation and maintenance.	

9. The project will have a low Operation and Maintenance cost -- practices have a long life expectancy (>10 years), few labor requirements (1 per year) to operate or maintain practices.	10 Point(s)
10. The project will have a medium Operation and Maintenance cost -- practices have a medium life expectancy (4-10 years), there are intermittent labor requirements (2 or more actions per year) to operate or manage practices.	5 Point(s)
11. The project will have high Operation and Maintenance cost -- practices have a short life expectancy (0-3 years), frequent labor requirements to operate or manage the practice.	2 Point(s)
Answer 1 of the next three questions if applicable on riparian area protection.	
12. The project will result in at least 1000 feet riparian area protection that is at least 35 feet wide in an area with T&E, or Native Fish of Federal or State concern.	20 Point(s)
13. The project will result in at least 1000 - 2000 feet riparian area protection that is at least 35 feet wide in an area with T&E, or Native Fish of Federal or State concern.	50 Point(s)
14. The project will result in >2000 feet riparian area protection that is at least 35 feet wide in an area with T&E, or Native Fish of Federal or State concern.	98 Point(s)