

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Application Ranking Summary
Statewide 2009 EQIP Rangeland**

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: AZ_2010 EQIP Rangeland		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	15 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	5 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	5 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	10 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	15 Point(s)
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	15 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	5 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the contract part of a documented RMS system approved by a certified conservation planner?	15 Point(s)
2. Will the proposed contract implement an RMS plan on more than landuse (for ranking purposes, consider only: cropland, rangeland, and forestland).	5 Point(s)
3. Will the contract reduce non-point source pollution within a watershed contributing to an impaired watershed listed on the 303d list?	5 Point(s)
4. Will the contract improve Rangeland Site Stability to Arizona Quality Criteria?	5 Point(s)
5. Livestock Water (Answer only 1 of the following 2 questions).	
1. Will this contract provide reliable and adequately distributed water in all pastures under contract (at least 2 pastures) ?	8 Point(s)
2. Will this contract ensure reliable and adequately distributed livestock water in one pasture under contract.	4 Point(s)
6. Will the prescribed grazing plan provide for a 6 month drought mitigation reserve?	5 Point(s)
7. Soil Erosion-Classic Gully (Rangeland, Grazed Forest, Wildlife land) The next 4 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will directly stabilize headcuts and headcuts and address watershed concerns above the gully on: >50% of the headcuts	8 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will directly stabilize headcuts and headcuts and address watershed concerns above the gully on: 25 to 50% of the headcuts	4 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will directly stabilize headcuts and headcuts and address watershed concerns above the gully on: 10-24% of the headcuts	2 Point(s)
8. Soil Erosion-Road, Roadsides (Rangeland, Grazed Forest, Wildlife land) The next 4 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will control erosion on: <50% of total eroding roads, roadsides	8 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will control erosion on: 25-50% of total eroding roads, roadsides	4 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will control erosion on: 10-24% of total eroding roads, roadsides	2 Point(s)
9. Soil Condition-Rangeland Site Stability (Rangeland) The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will improve Rangeland Soil/Site Stability from an existing departure value of: Extreme	9 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will improve Rangeland Soil/Site Stability from an existing departure value of: Moderate to Extreme	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will improve Rangeland Soil/Site Stability from an existing departure value of: Moderate	3 Point(s)

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10. Water Quantity-Rangeland Hydrologic Cycle (Rangeland) The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will improve Rangeland Hydrologic Cycle from an existing departure value of: Extreme	8 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will improve Rangeland Hydrologic Cycle from an existing departure value of: Moderate to Extreme	4 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will improve Rangeland Hydrologic Cycle from an existing departure value of: Moderate	2 Point(s)
11. For the treatment unit, have all high priority brush management areas in the contracted pastures been identified, and will they be treated by this contract?	
1. Contracted practices will result in brush treatment on: >70% of priority areas	9 Point(s)
2. Contracted practices will result in brush treatment on: 30 to 70% of priority areas	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted practices will result in brush treatment on: <30 % of priority areas	3 Point(s)
13. Plant Condition-Productivity, Health and Vigor (Rangeland) The next 4 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will improve the similarity index (SI) from a current score of: <20 on the majority of the contracted acres.	9 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will improve the similarity index (SI) from a current score of: 20 to 40 on the majority of the contracted acres.	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will improve the similarity index (SI) from a current score of: 41 to 50 on the majority of the contracted acres.	3 Point(s)
4. Contracted conservation practices will improve the similarity index (SI) from a current score of: 51 to 60 on the majority of the contracted acres.	1 Point(s)
14. Plant Condition-ESA Plant Species listed or Proposed for Listing (All Land Uses) The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will promote recovery of listed or proposed plant species and their habitats for: 2 or more species	4 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will promote recovery of listed or proposed plant species and their habitats for: 1 species	2 Point(s)
15. Plant Condition-Declining Species of Concern (All Land Uses) The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will promote recovery of declining species and their habitats for: 2 or more species	4 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will promote recovery of declining species and their habitats for: 1 species	2 Point(s)
16. Plant Condition-Noxious and Invasive Plants (All Land Uses) The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will control target species on: >75% of infested acres	6 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will control target species on: 50-74% of infested acres	3 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will control target species on: 25-49% of infested acres	1 Point(s)
17. Fish and Wildlife Habitat The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will improve the WHEG score by: >0.3	4 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will improve the WHEG score by: 0.2 to 0.3	3 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will improve the WHEG score by: <0.2	2 Point(s)
18. Fish and Wildlife-ESA Listed or Proposed for Listing (All Land Uses) The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices promote recovery of T&E or Proposed animal species and their habitat for: 2 or more species	6 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices promote recovery of T&E or Proposed animal species and their habitat for: 1 species	3 Point(s)
19. Fish and Wildlife-Declining Species, Species of Concern (All Land Uses) The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices promote recovery of declining animal species and their habitats for: 2 or more species	4 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices promote recovery of declining animal species and their habitats for: 1 species	2 Point(s)

20. Domestic Animals-Inadquate Stock Water (Rangeland, Grazed Forest, Pasture) The next 4 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices increase the percent of the grazable areas that are within 1.5 miles of permanent reliable water by: >75%	9 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices increase the percent of the grazable areas that are within 1.5 miles of permanent reliable water by: 50-74%	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices increase the percent of the grazable areas that are within 1.5 miles of permanent reliable water by: 25-49%	3 Point(s)
4. Contracted conservation practices increase the percent of the grazable areas that are within 1.5 miles of permanent reliable water by: 10-24%	1 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed: Answers must be identified to be able to take points for local questions.

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Priority Resource Concerns (answer only 1 of the following 2 questions)	
a. Does the proposed project address 4 or more resource concerns which have been locally identified as a local priority?	10 Point(s)
b. Does the proposed project address 2-3 resource concerns which have been locally identified as a local priority?	5 Point(s)
2. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: SOIL EROSION	10 Point(s)
3. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: SOIL CONDITION	10 Point(s)
4. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: WATER QUANTITY	10 Point(s)
5. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: WATER QUALITY	10 Point(s)
6. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: AIR QUALITY	10 Point(s)
7. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: PLANT CONDITION	10 Point(s)
8. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT	10 Point(s)
9. Does the proposed project enhance habitat for fish or wildlife species which are considered locally to be a high priority?	10 Point(s)
10. Is the proposed project located in a geographic area which has been locally identified as a high priority for EOIP funding?	10 Point(s)
11. Has the applicant had a contract cancelled or terminated during the past three years?	Negative 10 Point(s)

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

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National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	10 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	10 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	10 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	10 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	10 Point(s)
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	10 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	10 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the contract implement a full Resource Management System plan on the contracted acres?	15 Point(s)
2. Will the proposed contract implement an RMS plan on more than landuse (for ranking purposes, consider only: cropland, rangeland, and forestland).	5 Point(s)
3. Do the offered acres encompass the entire Agricultural Operation?	5 Point(s)
4. Will the contracted practices provide a more dependable source of irrigation water for drought	5 Point(s)
5. Will the contract reduce non-point source pollution by implementing a pesticide management plan?	5 Point(s)
6. Will the contract reduce non-point source pollution by implementing a nutrient management plan?	5 Point(s)
7. Will the contract practices result in improving the irrigation efficiency from below to above the target efficiency for the the AMA (Active Management Area) (Irrigated cropland)?	5 Point(s)
8. Soil Erosion-Sheet & Rill: The next 4 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will reduce sheet and rill erosion by: >1.5 ton per acre	8 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will reduce sheet and rill erosion by: 1.0 to 1.5 ton per acre	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will reduce sheet and rill erosion by: 0.5 to 0.9 ton per acre	4 Point(s)
4. Contracted conservation practices will reduce sheet and rill erosion by: 0.1 to 0.5 ton per acre	2 Point(s)
9. Soil Erosion-Wind: The next 4 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will reduce wind erosion by: >1.5 ton per acre	8 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will reduce wind erosion by: 1.0 to 1.5 ton per acre	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will reduce wind erosion by: 0.5 to 0.9 ton per acre	4 Point(s)
4. Contracted conservation practices will reduce wind erosion by: 0.1 to 0.5 ton per acre	2 Point(s)
10. Soil Condition-Organic Matter Depletion: The next 4 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will improve the soil condition index (SCI) by: >0.8	12 Point(s)

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2. Contracted conservation practices will improve the soil condition index (SCI) by: >0.5 to 0.8	8 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will improve the soil condition index (SCI) by: >0.2 to 0.5	4 Point(s)
4. Contracted conservation practices will improve the soil condition index (SCI) by: 0.2	1 Point(s)
11. Soil Condition-Comtaminants, Excess Salts: The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will reduce soil electrical conductivity (ECe) within the root zone by: 3 mmhos/cm or more	4 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will reduce soil electrical conductivity (ECe) within the root zone by: 2 mmhos/cm	3 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will reduce soil electrical conductivity (ECe) within the root zone by: 1 mmhos/cm	2 Point(s)
12. Water Quantity-Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land: The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will improve the Farm Irrigation Index by: >30 points	12 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will improve the Farm Irrigation Index by: 20 to 30 points	9 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will improve the Farm Irrigation Index by: 10 to 20 points	6 Point(s)
13. Water Quantity-Aquifer Overdraft: The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will reduce the annual groundwater pumping by: >10%	9 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will reduce the annual groundwater pumping by: 5 to10%	6 Point(s)
14. Water Quality-Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Ground Water (Cropland, Hayland, Pasture, CAFOs in a 303D or Tribal Identified Area) The next 4 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will reduce water leaching below 5 foot of depth by: 75%	8 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will reduce water leaching below 5 foot of depth by: 50-75%	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will reduce water leaching below 5 foot of depth by: 25-50%	4 Point(s)
4. Contracted conservation practices will reduce water leaching below 5 foot of depth by: 10-24%	2 Point(s)
15. Water Quality-Excessive Sediment, Nutrients, Organics, and Salinity in Surface Water (Cropland, Hayland, Pasture, CAFOs in a 303D or Tribal Identified Area) The next 4 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will reduce tailwater leaving the farm, from the contracted acres by: >75%	8 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will reduce tailwater leaving the farm, from the contracted acres by: 50-75%	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will reduce tailwater leaving the farm, from the contracted acres by: 25-50%	4 Point(s)
4. Contracted conservation practices will reduce tailwater leaving the farm, from the contracted acres by: 10-24%	2 Point(s)
16. Water Quality-Harmful Levels of Pesticides in Surface Water (Cropland, Hayland, Pasture in a 303D or Tribal Identified Area) The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will include an integrate pest management plan that included: All 3 control methods (biological, cultural, and chemical)	8 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will include an integrate pest management plan that included: Two different control methods	6 Point(s)
17. Air Quality- Particulate matter, PM 10 The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will include a minimum of 1 BMP on non-cropland, and cropland, and tillage & harvest categories, plus one additional (4 total BMPs)	8 Point(s)
2. One BMP on non-cropland, and cropland, and tillage & harvest categories (3 Total BMPs)	6 Point(s)
3. One BMP implemented in two of the categories (non-cropland, cropland, tillage & harvest)	4 Point(s)
18. Plant Condition-Productivity, Health and Vigor (Crop/Hay) The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Crop yields are currently less than 25% of county average, and contracted practices will improve plant productivity.	8 Point(s)
2. Crop yields are currently less than 26-40% of county average, and contracted practices will improve plant productivity.	4 Point(s)
3. Crop yields are currently less than 41-50% of county average, and contracted practices will improve plant productivity.	2 Point(s)
19. Plant Condition-ESA Plant Species listed or Proposed for Listing: The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will promote recovery of listed or proposed plant species and their habitats for: 2 or more species	4 Point(s)

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2. Contracted conservation practices will promote recovery of listed or proposed plant species and their habitats for: 1 species	2 Point(s)
20. Plant Condition-Declining Species of Concern: The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will promote recovery of declining plant species and their habitats for: 2 or more species	4 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will promote recovery of declining plant species and their habitats for: 1 species	2 Point(s)
21. Plant Condition-Noxious and Invasive Plants: The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will control target species on: >75% of infested acres	8 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will control target species on: 50-74% of infested acres	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will control target species on: 25-49% of infested acres	4 Point(s)
22. Fish and Wildlife Habitat The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will improve the WHEG score by: >0.3	4 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will improve the WHEG score by: 0.2 to 0.3	3 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will improve the WHEG score by: <0.2	2 Point(s)
23. Fish and Wildlife-ESA Listed or Proposed for Listing (All Land Uses) The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices promote recovery of T&E or Proposed animal species and their habitat for: 2 or more species	6 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices promote recovery of T&E or Proposed animal species and their habitat for: 1 species	3 Point(s)
24. Fish and Wildlife-Declining Species, Species of Concern (All Land Uses) The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices promote recovery of declining animal species and their habitats for: 2 or more species	4 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices promote recovery of declining animal species and their habitats for: 1 species	2 Point(s)

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1. Priority Resource Concerns (answer only 1 of the following 2 questions)	
a. Does the proposed project address 4 or more resource concerns which have been locally identified as a local priority?	10 Point(s)
b. Does the proposed project address 2-3 resource concerns which have been locally identified as a local priority?	5 Point(s)
2. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: SOIL EROSION	10 Point(s)
3. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: SOIL CONDITION	10 Point(s)
4. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: WATER QUANTITY	10 Point(s)
5. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: WATER QUALITY	10 Point(s)
6. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: AIR QUALITY	10 Point(s)
7. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: PLANT CONDITION	10 Point(s)
8. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT	10 Point(s)
9. Does the proposed project enhance habitat for fish or wildlife species which are considered locally to be a high priority?	10 Point(s)
10. Is the proposed project located in a geographic area which has been locally identified as a high priority for EQIP funding?	10 Point(s)
11. Has the applicant had a contract cancelled or terminated during the past three years?	Negative 10 Point(s)
Final Ranking Score:	

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**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Application Ranking Summary
Statewide 2009 EQIP Forestland**

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: AZ_2010 EQIP Forestland		Applicant:
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Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	5 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	1 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	5 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	20 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	25 Point(s)
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	9 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	5 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the contract part of a documented RMS system which has been approved by a certified conservation planner?	20 Point(s)
2. Will the proposed contract implement an RMS plan on more than one landuse (for ranking purposes, consider only: cropland, rangeland, and forestland).	8 Point(s)
3. Will the contract reduce non-point source pollution within a watershed contributing to an impaired watershed listed on the 303D list?	10 Point(s)
4. Have all high priority brush management areas in the CTU been identified, and will they be treated by this contract ?	10 Point(s)
5. EQIP Forest management plan includes increase of base line stocking rate by 20 percent or practices to increase growth rate by 10 percent for entire CTU.	10 Point(s)
6. EQIP Forest management plan includes treatment of entire CTU for reduction of wildfire risk, or reducing the impact/spread of insects and diseases.	15 Point(s)
7. Soil Erosion-Classic Gully. The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will directly stabilize headcuts and headcuts and address watershed concerns above the gully on: >50% of the headcuts	9 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will directly stabilize headcuts and headcuts and address watershed concerns above the gully on: 25 to 50% of the headcuts	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will directly stabilize headcuts and headcuts and address watershed concerns above the gully on: less than 25% of the headcuts	3 Point(s)
8. Soil Erosion-Road, Roadsides. The next 3 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will control erosion on: >50% of eroding roads, roadsides.	9 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will control erosion on: 25 to 50% of total eroding roads, roadsides	6 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will control erosion on: less than 25% of total eroding roads, roadsides	3 Point(s)
9. Plant Condition-ESA Plant Species listed or Proposed for Listing (All Land Uses) The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices will promote recovery of listed or proposed plant species and their habitats for: 2 or more species	6 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will promote recovery of listed or proposed plant species and their habitats for: 1 species	3 Point(s)
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1. Contracted conservation practices will control target species on: >75% of infested acres	6 Point(s)
2. Contracted conservation practices will control target species on: 50-74% of infested acres	3 Point(s)
3. Contracted conservation practices will control target species on: 25-49% of infested acres	1 Point(s)
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1. Contracted conservation practices promote recovery of T&E or Proposed animal species and their habitat for: 2 or more species	6 Point(s)
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14. Fish and Wildlife-Declining Species, Species of Concern (All Land Uses) The next 2 questions: answer only one.	
1. Contracted conservation practices promote recovery of declining animal species and their habitats for: 2 or more species	4 Point(s)
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a. Does the proposed project address 4 or more resource concerns which have been locally identified as a local priority?	10 Point(s)
b. Does the proposed project address 2-3 resource concerns which have been locally identified as a local priority?	5 Point(s)
2. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: SOIL EROSION	10 Point(s)
3. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: SOIL CONDITION	10 Point(s)
4. Does the proposed project treat the highest locally ranked priority resource concern in the category: WATER QUANTITY	10 Point(s)
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9. Does the proposed project enhance habitat for fish or wildlife species which are considered locally to be a high priority?	10 Point(s)
10. Is the proposed project located in a geographic area which has been locally identified as a high priority for EOIP funding?	10 Point(s)
11. Has the applicant had a contract cancelled or terminated during the past three years?	Negative 10 Point(s)
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**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Application Ranking Summary
EQIP-Air Quality**

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application
Ranking Tool: AZ_2010 EQIP-Air Quality		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as <u>contamination from confined animal feeding operations?</u>	5 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP <u>result in a considerable reduction in water use?</u>	5 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	25 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	5 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	5 Point(s)
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator <u>habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?</u>	15 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	10 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Treatment of Roads	
1. Dust Control will be achieved on greater than 4 miles of roads.	12 Point(s)
2. Dust control will be achieved on 3.1 to 4 miles of roads.	8 Point(s)
3. Dust control will be achieved on 2.1 to 3 miles of the roads.	6 Point(s)
4. Dust control will be achieved on less than 2 miles of the road.	4 Point(s)
Cleanout of Animal Feeding Operation Pens	
1. Pens will be cleaned more than 3 times per year	12
2. Pens will be cleaned 3 times per year	8
3. Pens will be cleaned 2 times per year	6
Watering of Animal Feeding Operation Pens	
1. Contracted practices will ensure all pens are watered down in the late afternoon or early evening to reduce PM-10 generation.	12
2. Contracted practices will ensure >50% of the pens are watered down in the late afternoon or early evening to reduce PM-10 generation.	8
3. Contracted practices will ensure >25-49% of the pens are watered down in the late afternoon or early evening to reduce PM-10 generation.	4
Residue Cover	
1. The EQIP conservation plan and contract will result in greater than 40% residue cover levels left on the fields. (Residue measured prior to planting).	12 Point(s)
2. The EQIP conservation plan and contract will result in 20% - 39% residue cover levels left on the fields. (Residue measured prior to planting).	10 Point(s)
3. The EQIP conservation plan and contract will result in less than 20% residue cover levels left on the fields. (Residue measured prior to planting).	6 Point(s)
Lifespan of Treatment	
1. The EQIP conservation plan and contract will reduce PM10 pollutants for a cumulative 5 or more year period on the entire treatment unit.	12 Point(s)
2. The EQIP conservation plan and contract will reduce PM10 pollutants for a cumulative two to four year period on the entire treatment unit.	10 Point(s)
3. The EQIP conservation plan and contract will reduce PM10 pollutants for a cumulative 5 or more year period on part of the treatment unit.	8 Point(s)
4. The EQIP conservation plan and contract will reduce PM10 pollutants for a cumulative two to four year period on part of the treatment unit.	4 Point(s)
Equipment Field Passes	
1. The EQIP conservation plan and contract will result in a reduction of 50% or more of the normally scheduled cultural equipment field passes during the period of June through November. Shouldn't the questions be the same?	15 Point(s)
2. The EQIP conservation plan and contract will result in a reduction of 30% - 49% or more of the normally scheduled cultural equipment field passes during the period of June through November.	12 Point(s)
High Residue and Multi-Year Crops	
1. The fields will be in a permanent crop during the contract period to improve air quality.	8 Point(s)

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1. The conservation crop rotation on the contracted fields will include at least one high residue crop during the contract period to improve air quality	4 Point(s)
Windbreaks	
1. The EQIP conservation plan and contract includes installation of a windbreak resulting in a stand of trees and shrubs consisting of 3 or more rows to FOTG design standards.	20 Point(s)

2. The EQIP conservation plan and contract includes installation of a windbreak resulting in a stand of trees and shrubs consisting of 2 rows to FOTG design standards.	10 Point(s)
3. The EQIP conservation plan and contract includes installation of a windbreak resulting in a stand of trees and shrubs consisting of 1 rows to FOTG design standards.	5 Point(s)
Windbreak Design	
1. The EQIP conservation plan and contract includes windbreak design which provides for planting configuration to protect multiple areas around the CAFO including areas downwind of corrals, trails, chutes, paths to milking parlor and other heavy use areas.	10 Point(s)
2. The EQIP conservation plan and contract includes windbreak design which provides for planting configuration to protect a single significant area around the CAFO downwind of corrals, trails, chutes, paths to milking parlor and other heavy use areas.	6 Point(s)
3. The EQIP conservation plan and contract includes windbreak design which provides for planting configuration to protect a single minor area near the CAFO.	3 Point(s)
PM-10 Non-Attainment Areas	
1. The EQIP contract is in a PM-10 non-attainment area and addresses air quality on the entire operation.	20 Point(s)
2. The EQIP contract is in a PM-10 non-attainment area and addresses air quality on at least 50% of entire operation.	10 Point(s)
Diesel Pump Replacement	
1. The EQIP conservation plan will includes replacement of permanent diesel irrigation engines with permanent electric irrigation motors.	25 Point(s)

Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

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Final Ranking Score:

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**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Application Ranking Summary
WHIP Statewide**

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National Priorities Addressed

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1. Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitats?	20 Point(s)
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?	20 Point(s)
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?	20 Point(s)
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?	30 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the reduction of invasive species on fish and wildlife habitats?	25 Point(s)
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?	25 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the proposed project, wholly or a part of, a sanctioned recovery project for listed Threatened or Endangered, or Proposed or Candidate species, including but not limited to re-introduction or rearing projects? (Taking these points requires a letter from Arizona Game and Fish Dept. or US Fish and Wildlife Service stating this fact) (40 pts)	40 Point(s)
2. Is the proposed application for habitat improvements greater than 100 acres? (25 pts)	25 Point(s)
3. Is the proposed application for habitat improvements between 40 and 100 acres? (10 pts)	10 Point(s)

4. Is the proposed contract area greater than ¼ from residential development, buildings, urban areas, etc? (15 pts)	15 Point(s)
5. Will the proposed contract acres have no more than 1 farm, ranch headquarters or home per square mile? (10 pts)	10 Point(s)
6. Is the project upgrading or retrofitting watering facilities to meet current wildlife-friendly standards (includes installing escape ramps, removal of barriers across the water surface, etc.)? (15 pts)	15 Point(s)
7. Will the proposed application contribute to a reduction in habitat fragmentation? (20 pts)	20 Point(s)
8. Will the proposed application include planting conservation buffers or wildlife corridors? (20 pts)	20 Point(s)
9. Will the proposed application for habitat improvement reduce invasive vegetative species on wildlife habitats? (as per the NRCS Invasive and Noxious Weed program list.) (15 pts)	15 Point(s)
10. . Will the proposed plan result in protecting, developing or enhancing aquatic habitats (in-water) associated with perennial streams, springs, ponds, and/or lakes? (25 pts)	25 Point(s)
11. Will the proposed application address habitat improvement to riparian and /or wetland habitat? (15 pts)	15 Point(s)
12. Will the proposed application address habitat improvement to grassland habitat? (15 pts)	15 Point(s)
13. Will the proposed application add or improve habitat on or adjacent to irrigated cropland? (20)	20 Point(s)
14. Will the proposed application include protection of subterranean habitat (mine shafts, adits, and caves)? (75 pts)	75 Point(s)

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