

**Application Ranking Summary  
Lesser Prairie Chicken**

<b>Program:</b> WHIP 2008	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Lesser Prairie Chicken		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant & Animal Communities - Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the applicant implement practices which:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	40 Point(s)
1. b. Support existing or new national or landscape initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans such as: Working Lands for Wildlife	40 Point(s)
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	25 Point(s)
1. d. Benefit State WHIP Plan (SWP) 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 SWP prioritized noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	15 Point(s)
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the SWP?	20 Point(s)
1. h. Benefit SWP 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 SWP 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 SWP prioritized wildlife?	15 Point(s)
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Implement wildlife habitat practices scheduled in the Schedule or Plan of Operations (NRCS-CPA-1155) within the first two years of date of obligation of the agreement?	20 Point(s)

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Applications will be considered HIGH priority if more than 50% of the offered acreage is located within the LPC current range and is defined as 'irreplaceable' or 'limiting' per the Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (CHAT) 0 Pts	0 Point(s)
2. Applications will be considered MEDIUM priority if more than 50% of the offered acreage either (1) is within the action area as defined by the conference report and is classified as 'significant', or higher per the CHAT, OR has data indicating the presence of LEPC use. 0 Pts	0 Point(s)
3. All other applications outside of the above criteria will be placed in the LOW priority and shall not be considered for funding. 0 Pts	0 Point(s)
4. Is there a documented active lek on or within 2 miles of the offered acres that will be under contract? (if the lek is located on the applicant's operation they must be willing to share this information in order to receive points. 300 Pts	300 Point(s)
5. Will the offered acres include expired or expiring (this calendar year) CRP acres that will be maintained, enhanced and/or established to LEPC habitat? These acres must be managed under practice 645 (upland wildlife habitat management) 300 Pts	300 Point(s)
6. Will the offered acres include treatment of woody vegetation to improve LEPC habitat? 300 Pts	300 Point(s)
7. Will the offered acres include cropland and/or non-cropland acres that will be converted to LEPC habitat to address a need identified in the WHEG? 100 Pts	100 Point(s)
8. Will a prescribed burn plan that promotes LEPC habitat be applied under contract? 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
9. Will prescribed grazing that promotes LEPC habitat be applied under contract? 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
10. Is the application supported by a current (less than 5 years old) NRCS conservation plan that addresses concerns of the LEPC? 25 Pts	25 Point(s)

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Screening & Ranking Criteria - Select Question 1, 2 or 3. Is there a documented lek site on or within two miles of the offered acreage? Application is HIGH priority. 80 Pts	80 Point(s)
2. There is no documented lek site on or within 2 miles but the offered acreage is within the high priority focal area. Application is MEDIUM priority. 40 Pts	40 Point(s)

3. There is no documented lek site on or within 2 miles and the offered acreage is not within the high or medium priority focal area. Application is LOW priority. 0 Pts	0 Point(s)
4. Will new cross-fence installation result in improved prescribed grazing? (Permanent power fence or marked 3 or 4 wire barbed fences as per current 382 specs. only) 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
5. Will acreage treated for brush be deferred from grazing for next two entire growing seasons? 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
6. Select Question 6 or 7. Will contract include Prescribed Grazing with deferrment as per SGI 645? 120 Pts	120 Point(s)
7. Will contract include Prescribed Grazing deferrment as per SGI 645? 15 Pts	15 Point(s)
8. Will contract include Prescribed Burning? 15 Pts	15 Point(s)
9. Will Shinnery Oak be treated at low rate (.5 to .75 lb Tebuthiron/ac.) on less than 50% of any pasture with motts and islands left untreated? Note: All sandhill sites (dunes with buffer) within the project area will not be treated for any brush species. 10 Pts	10 Point(s)
10. Select Question 10, 11 or 12. Will contract include treatment of HEAVY infestation brush species? (other than shinnery oak) 50 Pts	50 Point(s)
11. Will contract include treatment of MEDIUM infestation brush species? (other than shinnery oak) 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
12. Will contract include treatment of LIGHT infestation brush species? (other than shinnery oak) 10 Pts	10 Point(s)
13. Select Question 13, 14 or 15 Will >50% of area needing brush management be treated, or practice cap met? 35 Pts	35 Point(s)
14. Will 25-50% of area needing brush management be treated? 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
15. Will <25% of area needing brush management be treated? 5 Pts	5 Point(s)
16. Will mesquite treatment be grubbing or extraction (non-chemical), then be piled? 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
17. Will new water development (well, pipeline, trough, etc.) result in improved livestock distribution? 15 Pts	15 Point(s)
18. Will existing fences be marked within 1/2 mile of existing lek sites? 10 Pts	10 Point(s)

**Land Use:**

**Crop;**

**Grazed Range;**

**Hay;**

**Native/Naturalized Pasture;**

**Natural Area;**

**Pasture;**

**Wildlife;**

<b>Resource Concerns</b>	<b>Practices</b>
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Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Access Control
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Brush Management
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Cover Crop
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Critical Area Planting
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Forage and Biomass Planting
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Forage Harvest Management
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Herbaceous Weed Control
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Prescribed Burning
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Prescribed Grazing
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Range Planting
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Spring Development
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Watering Facility
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Shelter	Fence
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Shelter	Prescribed Grazing
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Shelter	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Livestock Pipeline
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Pond
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Pumping Plant
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Spring Development
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Water Well
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Watering Facility
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Access Control
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Animal Trails and Walkways
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Brush Management
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Fence
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Forage and Biomass Planting
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Forage Harvest Management
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Herbaceous Weed Control
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Livestock Pipeline
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Pond
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Prescribed Burning
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Prescribed Grazing
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Pumping Plant
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Range Planting
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Spring Development
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Water Well
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Watering Facility
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Access Control

Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Brush Management
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Channel Bed Stabilization
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Cover Crop
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Critical Area Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Forage Harvest Management
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Herbaceous Weed Control
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Obstruction Removal
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Pond
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Prescribed Burning
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Prescribed Grazing
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Range Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Spring Development
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Watering Facility
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Brush Management
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Cover Crop
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Critical Area Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Forage and Biomass Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Forage Harvest Management
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Herbaceous Weed Control
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Pond
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Prescribed Burning
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Prescribed Grazing
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Range Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Spring Development
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Water Well
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Watering Facility
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Brush Management
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Channel Bed Stabilization
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Cover Crop
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Critical Area Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Forage and Biomass Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Forage Harvest Management
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Grade Stabilization Structure

Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Herbaceous Weed Control
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Pond
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Prescribed Burning
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Prescribed Grazing
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Range Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Cover Crop
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Critical Area Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Forage and Biomass Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Forage Harvest Management
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Grade Stabilization Structure
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Pond
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Prescribed Burning
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Prescribed Grazing
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Range Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Brush Management
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Channel Bed Stabilization
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Cover Crop
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Critical Area Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Forage and Biomass Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Forage Harvest Management
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Herbaceous Weed Control
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Pond
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Prescribed Burning
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Prescribed Grazing
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Range Planting
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Spring Development
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Watering Facility
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water	Channel Bed Stabilization
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water	Grade Stabilization Structure
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water	Pond
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water	Spring Development
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water	Water Well
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water	Watering Facility
Fish and Wildlife: T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife: T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Fish and Wildlife: T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Fish and Wildlife: T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern	Watering Facility

Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Access Control
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Brush Management
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Cover Crop
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Critical Area Planting
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Forage and Biomass Planting
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Forage Harvest Management
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Herbaceous Weed Control
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Prescribed Burning
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Prescribed Grazing
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Range Planting
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Structure for Water Control
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Access Control
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Access Road
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Brush Management
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Cover Crop
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Critical Area Planting
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Firebreak
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Forage and Biomass Planting
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Forage Harvest Management
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Herbaceous Weed Control
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Prescribed Burning
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Prescribed Grazing
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Range Planting
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Access Control
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Access Road

Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Brush Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Cover Crop
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Critical Area Planting
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Firebreak
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Forage and Biomass Planting
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Forage Harvest Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Herbaceous Weed Control
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Livestock Pipeline
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Pond
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Prescribed Burning
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Prescribed Grazing
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Pumping Plant
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Range Planting
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Spring Development
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Structure for Water Control
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Water Well
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Watering Facility
Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard	Access Control
Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard	Access Road
Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard	Firebreak
Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard	Forage Harvest Management
Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard	Prescribed Burning
Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard	Prescribed Grazing
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Access Control
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Brush Management
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Critical Area Planting
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Grade Stabilization Structure
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Herbaceous Weed Control
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Pond
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Prescribed Burning
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Prescribed Grazing
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Range Planting
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Spring Development
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Soil Erosion: Streambank	Watering Facility
Soil Erosion: Wind	Access Control

Soil Erosion: Wind	Brush Management
Soil Erosion: Wind	Cover Crop
Soil Erosion: Wind	Critical Area Planting
Soil Erosion: Wind	Forage and Biomass Planting
Soil Erosion: Wind	Forage Harvest Management
Soil Erosion: Wind	Herbaceous Weed Control
Soil Erosion: Wind	Prescribed Burning
Soil Erosion: Wind	Prescribed Grazing
Soil Erosion: Wind	Range Planting
Soil Erosion: Wind	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
Soil Erosion: Wind	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Soil Erosion: Wind	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Soil Erosion: Wind	Water Well
Soil Erosion: Wind	Watering Facility

**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>

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:

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