

Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Application Ranking Summary

Elko_Eureka_LWG_Non-Irrigated_Range_Other

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Elko_Eureka_LWG_Non-Irrigated_Range_Other		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score: 238.33		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	No
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	No
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	No
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	No
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	No
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	No
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	No
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	No
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	No
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	No
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	No
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	No
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	

6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	No
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	No
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	
7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	No
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	No
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	No
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	No
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	No
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	No
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	No
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	No
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	No
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Water Quality - questions 1-2 (max points = 100)	
1. Will the proposed treatment have a positive effect on an identified resource concern of a Nevada 303d listed stream (for example if heavy metals are the identified resource concern for the 303d listing, will the treatment address this)?	No
2. Will the proposed treatment result in the development of livestock water facilities which eliminate livestock access to drains and delivery systems, and natural water sources?	Yes
Plant Condition - questions 3-6 (max points = 135)	
3. Will the proposed treatment result in structural practices to improve palatability and nutrition in association with a prescribed grazing management plan?	No
4. Will the proposed treatment result in vegetative and management practices that improve plant health in association with a grazing management plan?	No
5. Will the proposed treatment include an IPM plan?	No
6. Will the proposed treatment address fire prevention/suppression through facilitating practices within the prescribed grazing management plan?	No
Soil Condition - questions 7-11 (max points = 20); answer only one of questions 7 or 9 and 8 or 10	
7. Will the planned treatment include a vegetative practice which will result in reduced non-point source pollution, groundwater contamination or point source contamination?	No
8. Will the planned treatment include a structural practice which will result in reduced non-point source pollution, groundwater contamination or point source contamination?	No
9. Will the planned treatment include two or more vegetative practices or activities which will result in reduced non-point source pollution, groundwater contamination or point source contamination?	No
10. Will the planned treatment include a two or more structural practices or activities which will result in	No

reduced non-point source pollution, groundwater contamination or point source contamination?	
11. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the SCI of greater than 0.1?	No
Air Quality - question 12 (max points = 10)	
12. Will the proposed treatment include a vegetative practice which improves air quality (hedgerows, shelterbelts)?	No
Habitat Conservation - questions 13-15 (max points = 45)	
13. Will the proposed treatment result in a vegetative practice or activity which promotes habitat conservation?	No
14. Will the proposed treatment result in an alteration of normal harvest or mechanical treatments which promote habitat conservation? (nesting, resting, shelter, feed)	No
15. Will the proposed treatment utilize practices or activities which take land out of production to provide habitat? (food plots, shelterbelts etc.)	No
Energy - question 16 (max points = 10)	
16. Will the proposed treatment reduce energy consumption through a vegetative practice or activity? (Should be a purpose of the practice standard)	No
Domestic Animals - questions 17-19 (max points = 65)	
17. Will the proposed treatment result in a structural practice or activity (such as wildlife water) which will promote animal health?	Yes
18. Will the planned treatment result in the development of livestock watering facilities?	Yes
19. Will the planned treatment include the application of new technology (for example livestock protection or livestock care, new grazing management activities, etc.)?	No

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Plant Condition--Noxious and Invasive Plants--Questions 1-4 (Max points = 40); Answer only one of questions 1-3.	
1. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of an IPM strategy to address all noxious and invasive weeds on the entire area under the producer's control within the geographic area of the funding pool?	No
2. Will proposed project result in the treatment of all noxious and invasive species without considering an IPM strategy as part of the contract?	No
3. Will the proposed project result in the treatment of two or more recognized high priority noxious or invasive species (field offices should determine priorities locally prior to ranking)?	No
4. Will the IPM plan be fully implemented within two years or less?	No
Domestic Animals--Inadequate Stock Water--Questions 5-7 (Max points = 65)	
5. Will the proposed treatment result in additional watering facilities for livestock (resulting reduced travel, better distribution, etc.)?	Yes
6. Will the proposed treatment result in livestock water development away from natural occurring water bodies, drains and irrigation water delivery facilities?	Yes
7. Will the proposed treatment result in improved quantities and quality of forage through the application of structural practices only?	Yes
Plant Condition--Forage Quality and Palatability--Question 8-9 (Max 35)	
8. Will the proposed treatment result in improved plant yields, forage quality and palatability through the application of structural practices?	Yes
9. Will the proposed treatment result in improved nutritional value of feed and forage through the development of a livestock grazing management plan?	No
Domestic Animals--Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage--Question 10 (Max points 15)	
10. Will the proposed treatment result in improved quantities of feed and forage through the application of structural and management practices?	No
Soil Erosion--Streambank--Question 11 (Max points 25)	

11. Will the proposed treatment reduce streambank erosion through the application of management and/or structural practices?	Yes
Other--questions 12-16 (Max points = 60)	
12. Is the proposed project part of a larger effort within the watershed (ie part of a grazing association, watershed group, or cooperative agreement) to address an identified resource concern?	No
13. Will the proposed project involve application of new technology, or innovative techniques, or changes in local cultural methods not normally used in the area?	No
14. Is the proposed project located within in an area identified locally as a priority? (For example Stillwater Conservation District has identified wind erosion as a priority in Stillwater, and project identifies wind erosion as a resource concern).	No
15. Will the planned treatment provide for an energy savings of 15% or more of the existing power use? (Requires a data source to support the savings)	No
16. Will the planned treatment improve grazing land health by increasing plant diversity with the re-establishment of native forbs, grasses and shrubs on native rangeland?	No

Land Use:

Grazed Range;

Resource Concerns	Practices
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage	Fence
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Livestock Pipeline
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Watering Facility
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Fence
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Livestock Pipeline
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Plant Condition: Forage Quality and Palatability	Fence
Plant Condition: Forage Quality and Palatability	Livestock Pipeline
Plant Condition: Forage Quality and Palatability	Watering Facility

Ranking Score

<p>Efficiency: 0.06</p> <p>Low Score: This project rates marginal in efficiency to resolve resource conservation problems.</p> <p>Local Issues: 98.90</p> <p>Medium Score: This project provides moderate resource conservation benefits for addressing local resource problems.</p> <p>State Issues: 119.37</p> <p>Low Score: This project provides marginal resource conservation benefits for addressing local resource problems.</p> <p>National Issues: 20.00</p> <p>Low Score: This project provides marginal resource conservation benefits for addressing local resource problems.</p> <p>Final Ranking Score: 238.33</p>
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Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Elko_Eureka_LWG_Irrigated_Crop_Pasture		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score: 91.40		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

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2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	No
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	No
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	No
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	No
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	No
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	No
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	No
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	No
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	No
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	No
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	No
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	

6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	No
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7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	No
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	No
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	No
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	No
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State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Water Quantity--Questions 1-14 (Questions 1-10 refer to NV engineering irrigation ranking tool). Answer only one of the first 10 questions. Answer only one of questions 11 or 12. (Max points = 105)	
1. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 30?	No
2. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 25 to 30?	No
3. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 20 and less than 25?	No
4. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 16 and less than 20?	No
5. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 13 and less than 16?	No
6. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 11 and less than 13?	Yes
7. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 9 and less than 11?	No
8. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 7 less than 9?	No
9. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 5 and less than 7?	No
10. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the FIRI index of greater than 1 less than 5?	No
11. Will the planned treatment include a conversion to a micro-irrigation or drip irrigation system?	No
12. Will the planned treatment include a conversion to a more efficient type irrigation system (for exampe from flood to sprinkler)?	Yes
13. Will the planned treatment include three or more different structural practices to improve irrigation efficiency?	No
14. Will the planned treatment result in a 20% reduction of groundwater usage?	No
Water Quality--Question 15-17 (Max points 25)	
15. Will the proposed treatment have a positive effect on an identified resource concern of a Nevada 303d listed stream (for example if heavy metals are the identified resource concern for the 303d listing,	No

will the treatment address this)?	
16. Will the proposed treatment result in the development of livestock water facilities which eliminate livestock access to drains and delivery systems, and natural water sources?	No
17. Will the proposed treatment result in the development of practices (troughs, fences, etc) which would limit livestock access to drains and delivery systems, and natural water sources?	No
Plant Condition--Questions 18-21 (Max points 70)	
18. Will the proposed treatment result in structural practices to improve palatability and nutrition in association with a prescribed grazing management plan?	No
19. Will the proposed treatment result in vegetative and management practices that improve plant health in association with a grazing management plan?	No
20. Will the proposed treatment include an IPM plan?	No
21. Will the proposed treatment address fire prevention/suppression through facilitating practices within the prescribed grazing management plan?	No
Soil Condition--Questions 22-29 (Answer only of questions 22 and 24, and 23 and 25, answer only one of questions 26-28) (Max points 35)	
22. Will the planned treatment include a vegetative practice which will result in reduced non-point source pollution, groundwater contamination or point source contamination?	No
23. Will the planned treatment include a structural practice which will result in reduced non-point source pollution, groundwater contamination or point source contamination?	No
24. Will the planned treatment include two or more vegetative practices or activities which will result in reduced non-point source pollution, groundwater contamination or point source contamination?	No
25. Will the planned treatment include a two or more structural practices or activities which will result in reduced non-point source pollution, groundwater contamination or point source contamination?	No
26. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the SCI of greater than 0.5?	No
27. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the SCI of greater than 0.3 to 0.5?	No
28. Will the planned treatment result in an increase in the SCI of greater than 0.1 to 0.3?	No
29. Will the proposed treatment address soil quality through application of management practices based on recommendations from soil tests completed in the last two years?	No
Air Quality--Questions 30-32 (Max points 30)	
30. Will the planned treatment provide air quality improvement through the implementation of a structural practice which reduces emissions?	No
31. Will the planned treatment include a practice which converts an engine or motor to a cleaner system?	No
32. Will the proposed treatment include a vegetative practice which improves air quality (hedgerows, shelterbelts)?	No
Habitat Conservation--Questions 33-35 (Max points = 75) (Practice or activity cannot be the same practice/activity on the same land counted twice)	
33. Will the proposed treatment result in a vegetative practice or activity which promotes habitat conservation?	No
34. Will the proposed treatment result in an alteration of normal harvest or mechanical treatments which promote habitat conservation? (nesting, resting, shelter, feed)	No
35. Will the proposed treatment utilize practices or activities which take land out of production to provide habitat? (food plots, shelterbelts etc.)	No
Energy Conservation - Questions 36-38 - If appropriate, answer ONE of the following three questions regarding percent of energy savings based on the measures/practices PRODUCER INTENDS TO INSTALL. Percentage energy savings = (total estimated energy saved / total current energy usage).-- (Max points = 50)	
36. Will the recommended measures/practices (to be installed through this contract) achieve a total estimated percent reduction in energy use (i.e., % energy savings) greater than 40%?	No
37. Will the recommended measures/practices (to be installed through this contract) achieve a total estimated percent reduction in energy use (i.e., % energy savings) between 40% and 25%?	No
38. Will the recommended measures/practices (to be installed through this contract) achieve a total estimated percent reduction in energy use (i.e., % energy savings) between 24 and 5%?	No

Domestic Animals--Questions 39-41 (Max points = 45)	
39. Will the proposed treatment result in a structural practice or activity (such as wildlife water) which will promote animal health? 15	Yes
40. Will the planned treatment result in the development of livestock watering facilities?	No
41. Will the planned treatment include the application of new technology (for example high tunnels, or precision farming techniques)?	No

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Water Quantity - Inefficient Use of Water on Irrigated Land (answer only one of questions 1-3) (max points = 40)	
1. Will the proposed treatment improve irrigation water delivery or application efficiency to all irrigated acres within the producer's control in the geographical area of the funding pool?	No
2. Will the proposed treatment improve irrigation water delivery or application efficiency to greater than 50% of irrigated acres (but not all acres) within the producer's control in the geographical area of the funding pool?	No
3. Will the proposed treatment improve irrigation water delivery or application efficiency to 25-50% of irrigated acres within the producer's control in the geographical area of the funding pool?	No
Plant Condition - Productivity, Health, and Vigor (question 4) (max points = 10)	
4. Will the proposed treatment result in improved plant yields, quality and soil cover of the proposed treatment area?	Yes
Plant Condition - Noxious and Invasive Plants (questions 5-8) (max points = 55)	
5. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of an IPM strategy to address all noxious and invasive weeds on the entire area under the producer's control within the geographic area of the funding pool?	No
6. Will the proposed project result in the treatment of all noxious and invasive weeds without considering an IPM strategy as part of the contract?	No
7. Will the proposed project result in the treatment of two or more recognized high priority all noxious or invasive weeds (field offices should determine priorities locally prior to ranking)?	No
8. Will the IPM plan be fully implemented within two years or less?	No
Soil Erosion - Irrigated Induced (questions 9-10) (max points = 40)	
9. Will the proposed treatment include improvements to irrigation system components to reduce irrigation induced erosion (i.e. LEPA)?	No
10. Will the proposed treatment include Irrigation Water Management plan that specifically addresses irrigation induced erosion?	No
Domestic Animals - Inadequate Stock Water (questions 11-13) (max points = 25)	
11. Will the planned treatment improve livestock water quality by addressing identified diseases, parasites, insects, or poisonous plants or other adverse factors from close proximity of the drinking area?	No
12. Will the proposed treatment result in additional watering facilities for livestock (resulting in reduced travel, better distribution, etc.)?	No
13. Will the proposed treatment result in livestock water developments away from natural occurring water bodies, drains, and irrigation water delivery facilities?	No
Water Quantity - Reduced Capacity of Conveyances by Sediment (question 14) (max points = 10)	
14. Will the proposed project result in the application of structural, vegetative or management practices to reduce the amount of sediment deposition in ditches, canals, culverts, and other water conveyances?	No
Plant Condition - Forage Quality and Palatability (question 15) (max points = 5)	
15. Will the proposed treatment result in improved forage quality and palatability through the application of structural practices?	Yes
Domestic Animals - Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage (answer only one of questions 16-18) (max points = 20)	
16. Will the proposed treatment result in improved nutritional value of feed and forage through the	No

development of a livestock grazing management plan?	
17. Will the proposed treatment result in improved quantities of feed and forage through the application of structural and management practices?	No
18. Will the proposed treatment result in improved quantities of feed and forage through the application of structural practices only?	Yes
Soil Erosion - Streambank (answer only one of questions 19-20) (max points = 20)	
19. Will the proposed treatment reduce streambank erosion through the application of management and/or structural practices?	No
20. Will the proposed treatment reduce streambank erosion through the development of buffer areas along streams?	No
Energy, Technology, Other - (questions 21-22) (max points = 15)	
21. Is the proposed project part of a larger area effort within the watershed (i.e. part of a grazing association, watershed group, or cooperative agreement) to address an identified resource concern?	No
22. Will the proposed project involve application of new technology, or innovative techniques, or changes in local cultural methods not normally used in the area?	No

Land Use:

Hay;

Resource Concerns	Practices
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Structure for Water Control

Ranking Score

<p>Efficiency: 0.03</p> <p>Low Score: This project rates marginal in efficiency to resolve resource conservation problems.</p> <p>Local Issues: 20.82</p> <p>Low Score: This project provides marginal resource conservation benefits for addressing local resource problems.</p> <p>State Issues: 50.55</p> <p>Low Score: This project provides marginal resource conservation benefits for addressing state resource problems.</p> <p>National Issues: 20.00</p> <p>Low Score: This project provides marginal resource conservation benefits for addressing national priorities.</p> <p>Final Ranking Score: 91.40</p>

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