

Resource Questions (200 Points)

Local ranking questions can be entered below.

Points/Question

Possible Points

Will the water quality degradation resource concern, nutrients transported to groundwater, be addressed? (CHOOSE ONLY 1 FOR QUESTIONS 1-4)

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| 1..Yes, and the level of nitrates in monitoring wells (as noted at the time of application deadline) is greater than 20 ppm. | 70 | 70 |
| 2. Yes, and the level of nitrates in monitoring wells (as noted at the time of application deadline) is between 10-20 ppm. | 60 | |
| 3. Yes, and the level of nitrates in monitoring wells (as noted at the time of application deadline) is between 0- 9.9 ppm. | 40 | |
| 4. No, water quality will not be addressed. | 0 | |

Will one or more practices be included in the contract to mitigate surface water pollution? (CHOOSE ONLY ONE FOR QUESTIONS 5-7)

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| 5. Yes, and the distance to surface water (including River, tributaries, or, Playa Lake) is 1320 feet or less. | 65 | 65 |
| 6. Yes, and the distance to surface water (including River, tributaries, or Playa Lake) is more than 1320 feet. | 50 | |
| 7. No, surface water quality will not be addressed. | 0 | |

CHOOSE YES FOR ALL THAT APPLY

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| 8. Will the proposed contract address the priority resource concern Water Quality Degradation by installing practice(s) that protect the aquifer? | 30 | 30 |
| 9. Is this application in coordination with, or result in, a partnership with another agency or organization outside of NMACD and local SWCDs (ex. CEHMM, NMSLO, NMDGF, BLM, FS, etc.)? | 10 | 10 |
| 10. Will this application result in the applicant receiving a contract for the first time or first time within the last 10 years based on protracts data (this includes producer being a part of an entity that has been awarded a contract)? | 25 | 25 |
| 11. Does the Applicant(s) currently have a contract violation or non-compliance for reasons within their control. (NRCS may not screen a producer as lower priority for a contract violation if NRCS has not taken appropriate contract administrative action to enforce the contract?) | -30 | |

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Choose the statement that best describes the proposed contract as it relates to addressing resource concern(s) with installation of a combination of irrigation system improvements and/or land management practices (choose only)

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| 1. Increase irrigation efficiency by 0.5 to 1% using FIRI | 5 | |
| 2. Increase irrigation efficiency 1 to 3% using FIRI | 10 | |
| 3. Increase irrigation efficiency 3 to 5% using FIRI | 15 | |
| 4. Increase irrigation efficiency 5 to 10% using FIRI | 20 | |
| 5. Increase irrigation efficiency 10 to 20% using FIRI | 25 | |
| 6. Increase irrigation efficiency greater than 20% using FIRI | 30 | |
| 7. None of the above | | |

How many of the Priority resource concerns identified by the LWG will be addressed with practice(s) in proposed contract (choose only one Questions 8-11)?

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| 8. Contract will include a practice to address 1 of the priority resource concerns identified by the LWG under the resource group of Insufficient Water, Soil Erosion, and Soil Quality Degradation. | 10 | 30 |
| 9. Contract will include practice to address 2 of the priority resource concerns identified by the LWG under the resource group of Insufficient Water, Soil Erosion, and Soil Quality Degradation | 20 | |
| 10. Contract will include a practice to address 3 of the priority resource concerns identified by the LWG under the resource group of Insufficient Water, Soil Erosion, and Soil Quality Degradation | 30 | |
| 11. No Priority Resource Concerns identified by the LWG under the resource groups Insufficient Water, Soil Erosion, and Soil Quality Degradation will be addressed through contracted items. | 0 | |

Answer yes to all that apply for the following:

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| 12. Will the proposed contract address a practice that has either met a lifespan or replace a less efficient system with a micro irrigation, or drip system? | 35 | 35 |
| 13. Will the proposed contract address a practice that has met a lifespan or replace a less efficient system with a LESA or LEPA sprinkler system (center pivots included)? | 25 | 25 |
| 14. Will the proposed contract address a practice that has met a lifespan or replace a less efficient system with a MESA or solid set system? | 15 | 15 |
| 15. Will the proposed contract include implementation of land leveling estimated greater than 100 cu.yds/acre (if not designed) that addresses the resource concern, inefficient water use on irrigated land? | 5 | 5 |
| 16. Will the proposed contract include implementation of an irrigation pipeline or concrete lined ditch that will replace an earthen ditch? | 10 | 10 |
| 17. Will the proposed contract include implementation of an irrigation pipeline or concrete lined ditch that will replace an old concrete lined ditch or concrete pipeline that has met its lifespan? | 5 | 5 |
| 18. Will the proposed contract include a practice that addresses soil health through herbaceous cover through practices such as conservation cover, cover crop, or conversion to permanent grass? | 30 | 30 |
| 19. Will this application result in the applicant receiving a contract for the first time or first time within the last 10 years based on protracts data (this includes producer being a part of an entity that has been awarded a contract)? | 15 | 15 |

20. Does the Applicant(s) currently have a contract violation or non-compliance for reasons within their control. (NRCS may not screen a producer as lower priority for a contract violation if NRCS has not taken appropriate contract administrative action to enforce the contract?)

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How many of the resource concerns identified by the LWG will be addressed with practice(s) in proposed contract? (Answer only of questions 1-6)

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1. Applicant address 1 of the following priority resource concerns as identified by the LWG: Undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, inadequate feed and forage, inadequate livestock water, and Soil erosion.	20	
2. Applicant address 2 of the following priority resource concerns as identified by the LWG: Undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, inadequate feed and forage, inadequate livestock water, and Soil erosion.	40	
3. Applicant address 3 of the following priority resource concerns as identified by the LWG: Undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, inadequate feed and forage, inadequate livestock water, and Soil erosion.	60	
4. Applicant address 4 of the following priority resource concerns as identified by the LWG: Undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, inadequate feed and forage, inadequate livestock water, and Soil erosion.	80	
5. Applicant address 5 of the following priority resource concerns as identified by the LWG: Undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, inadequate feed and forage, inadequate livestock water, and Soil erosion.	100	
6. Applicant address none of the priority resource concerns	0	

Answer All questions that apply for questions 7-12

7. Will proposed contract include practice 528 that includes deferment of more than 50% of the operations entire acres beyond requirements as a facilitating practice?	20	20
8. Will proposed contract include practice 528 that includes deferment of 50% or less of the operations entire acres beyond requirements as a facilitating practice?	10	10
9. Will management practices be implemented to change from a continuous grazing system to a rotational system through prescribed grazing?	30	30
10. Is this application in coordination with, or result in, a partnership with another agency or organization outside of NMACD and local SWCDs (ex. CEHMM, NMSLO, NMDGF, BLM, FS, etc.)?	15	15
11. Will this application result in the applicant receiving a contract for the first time or first time within the last 10 years based on protracts data (this includes producer being a part of an entity that has been awarded a contract)?	25	25
12. Does the Applicant(s) currently have a contract violation or non-compliance for reasons within their control. (NRCS may not screen a producer as lower priority for a contract violation if NRCS has not taken appropriate contract administrative action to enforce the contract?)	0	

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