

Resource Questions (200 Points)

Local ranking questions can be entered below.

CHANGED FROM FY 22 RANKING QUESTIONS

Points

Ground Water Quality. Please answer yes to one question from Questions 1, 2 or 3.

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| 1. Will the resource concern Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Groundwater be addressed when the level of nitrates, as reported to the local environmental agency, in monitoring wells is greater than 20 ppm? | 30 |
| 2. Will the resource concern Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Groundwater be addressed when the level of nitrates, as reported to the local environmental agency, in monitoring wells is between 11 - 20 ppm? | 20 |
| 3. Will the resource concern Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Groundwater be addressed when the level of nitrates, as reported to the local environmental agency, in monitoring wells is between 0 - 10 ppm? | 10 |

Surface Water Quality. Please answer yes to either Question 4 or 5

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| 4. Will the resource concern Water Quality Degradation: Excess Nutrients in Surface Water be addressed when the downstream distance to surface water is less than 1320 feet, as determined by the applicable county topo/ortho map, by contracting a practice(s) to mitigate surface water pollution? | 30 |
| 4. Will the resource concern Water Quality Degradation: Excess Nutrients in Surface Water be addressed when the downstream distance to surface water is 1320 feet or more, as determined by the applicable county topo/ortho map, by contracting a practice(s) to mitigate surface water pollution? | 15 |

Please answer the following questions.

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| 6. Will the resource concerns Air Quality Impacts: Emission of Particulate Matter (PM) and PM Precursors and/or Objectionable Odors be addressed through a contracted practice(s) such as a windbreak to reduce the spread of dust or odors? | 50 |
| 7. Will the resource concerns Water Quality Degradation: Excess nutrients in surface water and/or Excess nutrients in groundwater be addressed by contracting a practice(s) such as Nutrient Management (590) to manage application of nutrients according to soil test results? | 25 |
| 8. Will the resource concern Insufficient Water: Inefficient use of Irrigation Water be addressed by contracting an irrigation systems such as LEPA/LESA sprinkler systems? | 20 |
| 9. Will the resource concerns Water Quality Degradation: Excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids, or compost applications in surface water or groundwater be addressed? | 20 |
| 10. Will the resource concerns Water Quality Degradation: Excess salts in surface water or groundwater be addressed? | 10 |
| 11. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable plant productivity in health be addressed by contracting practice(s) such as IWM, water measuring devices, etc.? | 15 |

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1. The resource concern Insufficient Water: Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water will be addressed by converting the current irrigation system to a more efficient irrigation system as evaluated utilizing FIRI?

Increase irrigation efficiency by 0.1 to 5	5
Increase irrigation efficiency by 5.1 to 10	10
Increase irrigation efficiency by 10.1 to 15	15
Increase irrigation efficiency by 15.1 to 20	25
Increase irrigation efficiency by 20.1 to 25	50
Increase irrigation efficiency greater than 30	65
None of the above	0

2. Will the application address the resource concern of Insufficient Water by replacing an irrigation system that has met its lifespan? 30

3. Will the resource concern of Insufficient Water be addressed by controlling surface irrigation water needing greater than 100 cy of earth work? 15

4. Will the resource concern Soil Quality Degradation - Organic Matter Depletion be addressed? 30

5. Will the proposed contract address Water Quality Degradation - excessive salts in surface and ground waters and/or excess nutrients in surface and ground waters? 50

6. Will the resource concern Soil Erosion: Sheet, rill, and wind; and/or concentrated flow be addressed? 10

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| 1. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation and/or Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health be addressed on lands with a medium density? | 30 |
| 2. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation and/or Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health be addressed on lands with a high density? | 20 |
| 3. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation and/or Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health be addressed on lands with a light density? | 15 |

Surface Water Quality. Please answer yes to either Question 4, 5 or 6.

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| 4. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation and/or Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health be addressed by contracting a practice(s) on more than 80% of the identified needed area? | 30 |
| 5. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation and/or Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health be addressed by contracting a practice(s) on more than 50% to 80% of the identified needed area? | 20 |
| 6. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation and/or Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health be addressed by contracting a practice(s) on less than 50% of the identified needed area? | 5 |
| 7. Will the resource concern Livestock Production Limitation-Inadequate Feed and Forage be addressed by contracting a practice(s) such as Brush management (314), etc.? | 25 |
| 8. Will the resource concern Soil Erosion be addressed by contracting such practices as grade stabilization structures, diversions, net-wire diversions, etc.? | 40 |
| 9. The contract area has identified state listed invasive plants that will be treated which will facilitate a conservation practice that will address Degraded Plant Condition? | 20 |
| 10. The resource concern Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife- Inadequate Habitat Food and/or Water will be addressed by practices in this contract that will benefit at least one limiting wildlife habitat element as identified by a positive score on the WHEG? | 30 |
| 11. Water Quality Degradation will be addressed where a perennial stream or ephemeral drainage is in this contract area, or adjacent land, which will be protected by practices included in this contract? | 25 |

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1. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition be addressed on more than 50% of the identified needed treatment area? Please select yes or no for Questions 2,3, or 4.	30
2. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition be addressed on lands with a medium density/infestation?	70
3. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition be addressed on lands with a light density/infestation?	50
4. Will the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition be addressed on lands with an heavy density/infestation? Please select yes or no from either Questions 5, 6, 7 or 8.	20
5. Will 4 of the priority resource concerns identified by the LWG be addressed in this contract: Degraded Plant Condition – Plant structure and composition; Plant productivity and health; Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution; Concentrated Erosion–Classic gully; Inefficient Energy Use – Farming/ranching practices and field operations; equipment and facilities.	100
6. Will 3 of the priority resource concerns identified by the LWG be addressed in this contract: Degraded Plant Condition – Plant structure and composition; Plant productivity and health; Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution; Concentrated Erosion–Classic gully/sheet and rill; Inefficient Energy Use – Farming/ranching practices and field operations; equipment and facilities.	90
7. Will 2 or less of the priority resource concerns identified by the LWG be addressed in this contract: Degraded Plant Condition – Plant structure and composition; Plant productivity and health; Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution; Concentrated Erosion–Classic gully/sheet and rill; Inefficient Energy Use – Farming/ranching practices and field operations; equipment and facilities.	70
Total	200