Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: WA FY22 ACEP-ALE-GSS Sage Grouse

Program: ACEP

Pool Status: Active

States: WA (Admin)

Template: ACEP-ALE GSS (Program Agreements)

Template Status: Active

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Land Uses

Land Use	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Modifier 3	Modifier 4	Modifier 5	Modifier 6
Forest	--	--	--	--	--	--
Range	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	--	--	--
Developed Land	--	--	--	--	--	--
Water	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Rural Land	--	--	--	--	--	--
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	**Min %**	**Default %**	**Max %**
Degraded plant condition	5	10	50
Livestock production limitation	5	5	50
Long term protection of land	35	55	75
Source water depletion	0	10	40
Terrestrial habitat	0	20	40

Degraded plant condition			
Resource Concern	**Min %**	**Default %**	**Max %**
Plant productivity and health	0	50	100
Plant structure and composition	0	50	100

Livestock production limitation			
Resource Concern	**Min %**	**Default %**	**Max %**
Feed and forage balance	0	50	100
Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	0	50	100

Long term protection of land			
Resource Concern	**Min %**	**Default %**	**Max %**
Threat of conversion	100	100	100

Source water depletion			
Resource Concern	**Min %**	**Default %**	**Max %**
Groundwater depletion	0	50	100
Surface water depletion	0	50	100

Terrestrial habitat			
Resource Concern	**Min %**	**Default %**	**Max %**
Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates	0	100	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search Update	LTAPERSU	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Maximum Duration Allowed by State Law	LTPMAS	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	Easements

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	5	5	20
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	5	10
Resource Priorities	Default	35	40	50
Program Priorities	Default	40	50	50
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

Display Group: WA FY22 ACEP-ALE-GSS Sage Grouse (Active)

An asterisk will be displayed to show that it is a conditional section or conditional question.

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Is this application located within WA Sage Grouse layer boundaries?		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Is this application located within WA Sage Grouse layer boundaries?	Yes	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Is the application parcel PLU located in the State of Washington?		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Is the application parcel PLU located in the State of Washington?	Yes	--
	No	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: National ranking criteria		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland soils in the parcel to be protected.	Property has 50% or less	0
	Property has >50 to 60%	20
	Property has >60 to 70%	25
	Property has >70 to 80%	30
	Property has >80%	35
Percent of cropland, rangeland, grassland, historic grassland, pastureland, or nonindustrial private forest land in parcel to be protected.	Property has 33% or less	0
	Property has >33 to < 40%	4
	Property has >40 to < 50%	8
	Property has >50%	15
Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture.	Ratio of 1.0 or less	0
	Ratio > 1.0 to <2.0	7
	Ratio > 2.0	15
Decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture.(USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture)	Decrease of 0% or less	0
	Decrease of >0 and <5%.	3
	Decrease of >5 and <10%.	5
	Decrease of >10 and <15%.	8
	Decreases >15%.	15

Section: National ranking criteria

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations.	No Plan	0
	Plan	2
	Plan documented and prepared by industry professional.	5
Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture. (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture)	Decrease of 0% or less	0
	Decrease of >0 and <5%.	1
	Decrease of >5 and <10%.	5
	Decrease of >10 and <15%.	9
	Decreases >15%.	15
Percent population growth in the county as documented by the U.S. Census. (Census Bureau Home Page)	Growth rate of less than one times the State growth rate.	0
	Growth rate of greater than one and less than or equal to two times the State growth rate.	4
	Growth rate of two and less than or equal to three times the State growth rate.	7
	Growth rate of more than three times the State growth rate.	15
Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent U.S. Census. (Census Bureau Home Page)	Population density less than one times the State population density.	0
	Population density of greater than one and less than or equal to two times the State population density.	4
	Population density of greater than two and less than or equal to three times the State population density.	7
	Population density of greater than three times the State population density.	15
Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, such as compatible military installations; land owned in fee title by the United States or an Indian Tribe, State or local government, or by a nongovernmental organization whose purpose is to protect agricultural use and related conservation values; or land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to nonagricultural use or protects grazing uses and related conservation values.	Easement Offer Area (EAO) boundary greater than 3 miles from the protected land boundary.	0
	EOA is greater than 1 mile but less than 3 miles from protected land.	4
	EOA is within 1 mile of protected land boundary.	7
	EOA boundary adjoins protected land boundary.	15
Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure.	Easement Offer Area (EAO) boundary greater than 3 miles from the protected land boundary.	0
	EOA is greater than 1 mile but less than 3 miles from protected land.	3
	EOA is within 1 mile in proximity.	5
	EOA boundary adjoins.	10

Section: National ranking criteria		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous or proximal acres devoted to agricultural use.	Parcel increases a protected agricultural use area.	0
	Parcel is a contiguous or proximal expansion of agricultural use protected area.	6
	Parcel links two non-continuous corridors of protected agricultural use.	15
Land is currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within 1 year and is grassland that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement or is land under a CRP contract that is in transition to a covered farmer or rancher pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 3835(f)	Yes	5
	No	0
Land is grassland of special environmental significance that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement.	Yes	10
	No	0
Percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement that is the eligible entitys own cash resources for payment of easement compensation to the landowner and comes from sources other than the landowner.	25%	15
	12.5 to less than 25%.	5
	Less than 12.5%.	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: State Developed questions		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Does the parcel have prime, unique, statewide, or locally important farmland in the parcel to be protected above 75% of the total offered acres?	75% and above.	40
	51 to equal to or less than 74%.	15
Eligible entity has demonstrated performance in managing and enforcing easements by monitoring 95 percent or more of its easements each year.	Yes	35
	No	0
Project is partially or wholly within the boundaries of the Sage Grouse Initiatives area ?	Yes	20
	No	0
Is an additional Federal or State listed or candidate Threatened or Endangered species located on, or within quarter mile, of parcel to be protected. This includes USFWS or NMFS Designated Critical Habitat polygons for listed species.	Yes	35
	No	0
Parcel is partially or wholly within an area zoned as agricultural use or open space.	Yes	5
	No	0
Parcel contains historical or archaeological resources that will be protected by easement as described in 440.528.33	Yes	5
	No	0
Does one or more eligible landowner(s) meet the definition as a historically underserved group? (CPM 440.528.190) socially disadvantaged, limited resource landowners, beginning farmer or ranchers, or veteran landowners. (Documentation must be provided to receive these points).	Yes	15
	No	0
Has there been recent significant capital investment(s) that enhances the long term agricultural viability of the parcel being offered for protection and the investment will be further protected by the conservation easement? (Documentation of investments must be provided in application to receive points).	Yes, investment within past 2 calendar years	15
	Yes, investment within past 3-5 calendar years	8
	Yes, investment within past 6-10 calendar years	4

Section: State Developed questions		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Protection of parcel will have long term social and economic benefits towards supporting access to local markets for small scale farms. (Documentation of farm sales within the past 2 calendar years to local markets must be provided in application to receive points).	Sales within 10 miles or less of parcel.	30
	Sales within 11-50 miles of parcel	20
	Sales within 50-150 miles of parcel	10