

EQIP Team 4 Crop and Pasture

FY2023

Applicability	Explanation	Points
Is the majority of the land in Team 4?	The contract will be funded with team 4 allocation if the majority of the land is located in the team.	0

Category	Explanation	Points
If irrigation improvements are planned, do the land units meet the EQIP requirement for irrigated land? If irrigation improvements are not planned, answer yes.	If irrigation improvements are planned, do the land units meet the EQIP requirement for irrigated land? application is a renewal it must be ranked in the renewal funding pool.	0

Program Questions	Explanation	Total 200 points
Has Applicant had a Farm Bill contract terminated due to circumstances within their control within the past three years?		if yes, negative 200 points
Does the Applicant agree to contract and implement a crop or pasture resource management system (RMS) plan?	Delete this Question and move points to terminated Question..	If yes, 0 points
Does the proposed contract include one or more practices which will protect/enhance habitat for an at-risk species (Federal, State or Tribal listed Threatened, Endangered or candidate species)?		If yes, 100 points
Resource Questions	Explanation	Total 200 points
Will the planned activities improve irrigation efficiency Points as determined by the NRCS Farm Irrigation Rating Index (FIRI) Program and will address the resource concern, inefficient irrigation water use? (If more than one system this is the Average of the System FIRI Rating.) a. FIRI shows improvement of more than 25 points b. FIRI shows improvement of 15 -25 points c. FIRI shows improvement of 5 -15points d. FIRI shows improvement of less than 5 points e. No improvements are planned to improve irrigation efficiency	FIRI needs to be completed to estimate increase in irrigation efficiency with planned practices.	a. 70 b. 50 c. 30 d. 10 e. 0
Will Soil Health be addressed increasing organic matter and or reducing erosion? (IE Cover Crop minimum 3 Crop mix or No-Till, Residue MGT, Conservation Crop Rotation, ETC)		If yes, 50 points
Will the resource concern of inadequate feed and forage be addressed? (Ex.512- Pasture & Hayland Planting)		If yes, 50 points
Will the resource concern, inefficient irrigation water use, be addressed by improving field irrigation water use? (Ex.466-Land Smoothing, Land Leveling)		If yes, 30 points

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EQIP Team 4 Grazed Range

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Applicability	Explanation	Points
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Category	Explanation	Points
Is land primarily used as grazing land?	If irrigation improvements are planned, do the land units meet the EQIP requirement for irrigated land? application is a renewal it must be ranked in the renewal funding pool.	0

Program Questions	Explanation	Total 200 points
Has Applicant had a Farm Bill contract terminated due to circumstances within their control within the past three years?		If yes, negative 200 points
Does the Applicant agree to contract and implement a grazed range resource management system (RMS) plan?	Delete this Question and move points to terminated Question..	If yes, 0 points
Does the proposed contract include one or more practices which will protect/enhance habitat for an at-risk species (Federal, State or Tribal listed Threatened, Endangered or candidate species)?		If yes, 100 points
Resource Questions	Explanation	Points allocated. Total 200 points
Will a planned activity address the resource concern of inadequate plant structure and composition? (Ex. 314-Brush Management, 315-Herbacious Weed Control or 528-Prescribed Grazing)	Current condition has levels of brush and invasive plants that impede a healthy and diverse plant community. Prescribed Grazing will enhance the other two practices and increase Rangeland Health.	If yes, 35 points
Will the resource concern of undesirable plant productivity and health be addressed with new infrastructure that will facilitate grazing? (Ex.382-New Fence will be installed in a new location to improve grazing management)?	Livestock grazing is controlled with structural practice that excludes livestock from a field or sensitive area.	If yes, 25 points
Will the resource concerns undesirable plant productivity and health be addressed by replacing existing infrastructure with new practice that have met their lifespan which will facilitate grazing? (Ex.382-Existing fence in the same location that has exceeded its practice life span will be replaced)		If yes, 15 points
Will the resource concern inadequate water be addressed by implementing NEW water systems? (Ex.614- Watering Facility, 516- Livestock Pipeline)	Livestock grazing is managed with structural practice(s) that provide water in fields where water is not sufficient.	If yes, 30 points
Will the resource concern inadequate water be addressed by REPLACING water systems that have met their lifespan? (Ex.614- Watering Facility, 516- Livestock Pipeline, 533- Pumping Plant that has exceeded its practice lifespan be replaced)	Livestock grazing is managed by replacing old infrastructure to make sure water is available where needed.	If yes, 25 points
Will the resource concern inadequate water be addressed by utilizing new groundwater sources? (Ex.642- Water Well)		If yes, 25 points
Will the resource concern, Inadequate water, be addressed in areas where natural surface water exists? (Ex.574-Spring Development)		If yes, 25 points
Will the resource concern, classic gully erosion, be addressed? (Ex.362 Diversion, road bars, and or 410 Grade Stabilization Structures, rock and brush dams)		If yes, 20 points

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EQIP Team 4 Forest

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Is the majority of the land in Team 4?	The contract will be funded with team 4 allocation if the majority of the land is located in the team.	0

Category	Explanation	Points
Is forest the primary land use?	If the If irrigation improvements are planned, do the land units meet the EQIP requirement for irrigated land? application is a renewal it must be ranked in the renewal funding pool.	0

Program Questions	Explanation	Total 200 points
Has Applicant had a Farm Bill contract terminated due to circumstances within their control within the past three years?		If yes, negative 200 points
Does the Applicant agree to contract and implement a Forest resource management system (RMS) plan?	Delete this Question and move points to terminated Question..	If yes, 0 points
Does the proposed contract include one or more practices which will protect/enhance habitat for an at-risk species (Federal, State or Tribal listed Threatened, Endangered or candidate species)?		If yes, 100 points
Resource Questions	Explanation	Total 200 points
Will the resource concern, wildfire hazard excessive biomass accumulation, be addressed in an area that needs treatment? a. Heavy density reduction, more than 60 sq.ft.BA removed b. Medium density reduction, 40-60 sq.ft.BA removed c. Low density reduction, less than 40sq.ft.BA removed d. No reduction in biomass is planned.	Current condition has levels of tree density that creates a risk for wildfire.	a. 60 b. 40 c. 20 d. 0
Will resource concern, wildfire hazard excessive biomass accumulation, be addressed; this project is within 1/4 Mile of a Forest Thinning Project that was implemented in the past 5 years.	This will help to move the efforts to address Wildfire Hazard into a more uniform footprint with more continuity toward reducing Wildfire Hazard.	If yes, 20 points
Will the resource concern, inadequate water, be addressed in areas where ground water sources will be utilized? (Ex.574-Spring Development, 642- Water Well)		If yes, 10 points
Will the resource concern, classic gully erosion, be addressed? (Ex.362 Diversion, road bars, and or 410 Grade Stabilization Structures, rock and brush dams)		If yes, 10 points
Will 384 Woody Residue Treatment be implemented through a scenario that is more intensive than Lop and Scatter? (IE - Chipping)		If yes, 25 points
Will the resource concerns, wildfire hazard excessive biomass accumulation and inadequate structure and composition, be addressed by practices other than Forest Stand Improvement (666) to prevent catastrophic fires? (Ex. 383-Fuel Break)		If yes, 15 points
Will the resource concern, wildfire hazard excessive biomass accumulation, be addressed within 1/4 mile of thier home? (The Applicant's home included If on Treated Acres Proposed) a. 10 or more Homes b. 5 -9 Homes c. 2 - 4 Homes d. 1 Home		a. 60 b. 40 c. 20 d. 5

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