



Ranking Pool Report

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Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Range	--	--	N/A	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Water	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Other Rural Land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic habitat	0	15	70
Livestock production limitation	0	15	70
Long term protection of land	30	55	100
Terrestrial habitat	0	15	70

Aquatic habitat			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms	0	50	100
Elevated water temperature	0	50	100

Livestock production limitation			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %

Livestock production limitation

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Feed and forage balance	0	34	100
Inadequate livestock shelter	0	33	100
Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	0	33	100

Long term protection of land

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Loss of functions and values	0	50	100
Threat of conversion	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 - Buy-Protect-Sell Transfer	LTAPBPST	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	Easements
FA for Innovative Easement Activities per Project Agreement	RFPE	RCPD

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	5	5	45
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	5	45
Resource Priorities	Default	25	45	65
Program Priorities	Default	25	45	65
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

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Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Yampa and Little Snake Basin Project Area		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the project located in the Colorado Yampa and Little Snake Project area?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Is this a Entity Held Easement application for the Yampa and Little Snake RCPP Project area?		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the parcel offered for enrollment a preselected parcel as identified in the PPA?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: 2529 EHE Supplemental FY22 Program Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Outcomes: Application directly addresses one or more resource concern(s) of the following resource concerns: Aquatic habitat, Field sediment, nutrient pathogen loss, Livestock production limitation, and/or Terrestrial habitat?	Four or more resource concerns will be addressed.	30
	Three resource concerns will be addressed.	20
	Two resource concerns will be addressed.	10
	One resource concern will be addressed.	5
	None.	0
Outcomes: EHE Exhibit: What percent of the parcel to be protected is prime, unique, and other important farmland soils?	Greater than 80%.	10
	Greater than 70% and less than or equal to 80%.	8
	Greater than 60% and less than or equal to 70%.	6
	Greater than 50% and less than or equal to 60%.	4
	Less than or equal to 50%.	0
Outcome: PPA EHE Exhibits: What percent of the parcel to be protected is cropland, rangeland, grassland, historic grassland, pastureland, or nonindustrial private forest land?	Greater than 90%.	10
	Greater than 75% and less than or equal to 90%.	8
	Greater than 50% and less than or equal to 75%.	6
	Less than or equal to 50%.	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Outcome: What is the ratio of the total acres of the land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture?	Greater than 2:1.	10
	Greater than 1:1 and less than or equal to 2:1.	5
	Less than 1:1.	0
Outcome: How much has the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located decreased between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture?	More than 15%.	10
	More than 10% and less than or equal to 15%.	8
	More than 5% and less than or equal to 10%.	6
	More than 0% and less than or equal to 5%.	4
	0% or less.	0
Outcome: Does the farm or ranch have a succession plan or similar plan established covering the parcel to be protected that addresses agricultural viability for future generations?	Parcel has a written plan completed by an industry professional that directly addresses agricultural viability for future generations.	10
	Parcel has a written plan that directly addresses agricultural viability for future generations not developed by an industry professional.	5
	Parcel has no written plan documented.	0
Outcome: The percent population growth in the county is _____ the State growth rate as documented by the United States Census.	More than 3x.	10
	More than 2x	8
	More than 1x.	6
	1x or less.	0
Outcome: The population density (population per square mile) in the county is _____ the State population as documented by the most recent United States Census.	More than 3x.	10
	More than 2x.	8
	More than 1x.	6
	1x or less.	0
Outcome: What is the proximity of the parcel to be protected to other protected land, such as (1) military installations; (2) 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 (3) land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to non-agricultural uses or protects grazing uses and related conservation values?	Parcel boundary adjoins a protected land boundary.	10
	Parcel is within one (1) mile of a protected land boundary.	8
	Parcel is within three (3) miles of a protected land boundary.	6
	Parcel is greater than three (3) miles from a protected land boundary.	0
Outcome: What is the proximity of the parcel to be protected to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure?	Parcel boundary adjoins the boundary of an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	10
	Parcel is within one (1) mile of an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	8
	Parcel is within three (3) miles of an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	6
	Parcel is greater than three (3) miles from an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Outcome: How does the parcel to be protected maximize the protection of contiguous or proximal acres devoted to agricultural use?	Parcel links two noncontiguous corridors of protected agricultural land.	10
	Parcel is contiguous to or within one (1) mile of a cluster of protected agricultural land.	5
	Parcel does not increase a protected agricultural area.	0
Outcome: How much has the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county in which the parcel to be protected is located decreased between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture?	More than 15%.	10
	More than 10% and less than or equal to 15%.	8
	More than 5% and less than or equal to 10%.	6
	More than 0% and less than or equal to 5%.	4
	0% or less.	0
Contributions: PPA exhibits identify direct relationship between proposed Land Management (LM) activities and partner contributions, and application directly leverages RCPP funding with partner contributions?	YES	30
	NO	0
Historically Underserved Producers: PPA Exhibits identify ranking priority for HU producers, and application meets those requirements?	YES	30
	NO	0

Survey: Resource Questions

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is at least 50% of the parcel to be protected located in an area zoned for agricultural use, zoning consistent with agriculture, or similar classification in government units without zoning?	YES	40
	NO	0
How many of the following multifunctional benefits of farm and ranch land protection will be addressed on the parcel to be protected? (i) Social, economic, historic, and archaeological benefits; (ii) Enhancing carbon sequestration; (iii) Improving climate change resiliency; (iv) At-risk species protection; (v) Reducing nutrient runoff and improving water quality; (vi) Other related conservation benefits.	The protection of the parcel addresses four (4) or more multifunctional benefits.	50
	The protection of the parcel addresses three (3) or more multifunctional benefits.	40
	The protection of the parcel addresses two (2) or more multifunctional benefits.	30
	The protection of the parcel addresses one (1) or more multifunctional benefits.	20
	The protection of the parcel addresses zero (0) multifunctional benefits.	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
<p>Does the parcel to be protected directly protect or improve natural resources as determined by NRCS?</p>	Protection will directly address five (5) or more NRCS resource concerns.	50
	Protection will directly address four (4) NRCS resource concerns.	40
	Protection will directly address three (3) NRCS resource concerns.	30
	Protection will directly address two (2) NRCS resource concerns.	20
	Protection will directly address one (1) NRCS resource concern.	10
	Protection will not directly address any NRCS resource concerns.	0
<p>Does the parcel to be protected demonstrates agricultural viability? Select elements that apply.</p>	Sufficient Access to agricultural infrastructure, operations, markets, labor, and other support services.	10
	Address water quantity through protection of water rights, irrigation efficiency improvements, etc.	10
	Protects prime soil from development.	10
	Parcel does not demonstrate agricultural viability.	0
<p>Will one or more of the following measures be used to maintain or increase agricultural viability on the parcel to be protected?</p>	A basic ALE plan, grasslands management plan, and/or forest management plan will be completed before closing and included in the deed provisions.	10
	A formal succession plan completed by an industry professional will be completed before closing.	10
	Entity deed terms that specifically address long-term agricultural viability will be included in the recorded easement deed.	10
	None of these measures will be used to maintain or increase agricultural viability.	0