

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Forest (SD)

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Forest (SD)	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated “impaired water body” (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a “non-impaired water body”?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state level questions.	
1. a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a Forest Management Plan (106) or a Prescribed Burning Plan (112)? If answer is Yes, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is No, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Degraded Plant Condition	
2. a. Does applicant has a current Stewardship Forest Management Plan (SFMP) approved by State Agency on the parcel offered for the program contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Does this application helps to prevent wildfire hazard?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Farming System Approach	
3. a. Does this application address two or more of the forestry related resource concerns identified in Stewardship Forest Management Plan (SFMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Watershed Approach	
4. a. Is this project in or near a locally identified priority watershed or environmentally sensitive area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy and Climate Change	
5. a. Does this application have at least two (2) or more practices applied on the same field or fields benefiting energy conservation, carbon sequestration, and climate change? (Use the energy practice list to identify approved practices)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife	
6. a. Does this application include practices with specific considerations for threatened and endangered or at-risk wildlife species (plant or animal)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. a. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a Forest Management Plan (106) or a Prescribed Burning Plan (112)? If answer is Yes, do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is No, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

section.	
Soil Erosion	
2. a. Will the application include practices to reduce soil erosion in heavy eroded areas, or streambanks?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation	
3. a. Will the application exclude livestock access to forestland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Will the application include conservation buffer or riparian habitat restoration measures to protect water bodies?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Excess Water	
4. a. Will the application include practices to control surface runoff or treat inadequate outlet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Quality Degradation	
5. a. Will the application includes implementation of one or more soil quality or enhancing practices that address soil quality degradation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Degraded Plant Condition	
6. a. Will the application include forestry practices improve forest stand health and vigor?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Will the application promote the use of native forest tree species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Will the application include firebreak to prevent wildfire nearby forest?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife	
7. a. Will this application include practices to establish a travel corridor to a State Forest or a designated wildlife area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p>Final Ranking Score:</p>

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<p>NRCS Representative:</p> <p>Signature Date:</p>	<p>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</p> <p>Signature Date:</p>
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