

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

LWG\_Non-Irrigated-Range\_Other

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> LWG_Non-Irrigated-Range_Other		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

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 Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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
Water Quality-- Questions 1-3 Answer only one of questions of 2 or 3. (Max points 75)	
1. Will the proposed treatment have a positive effect on an identified resource concern of a Nevada 303d listed stream (for example if heavy metals are the identified resource concern for the 303d listing, will the treatment address this)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the proposed treatment result in the development of livestock water facilities which eliminate livestock access to drains and delivery systems, and natural water sources?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the proposed treatment result in the development of practices (troughs, fences, etc.) which would limit livestock access to drains and delivery systems, and natural water sources?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Degraded Plant Condition-- Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health. Questions 4-11 (Max points 225)	
4. Will the proposed treatment improve grazing management and plant health in association with an existing prescribed grazing management plan (must have a copy of the prescribed grazing plan in conservation plan file to support points)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the proposed treatment improve grazing management and plant health through deferred grazing (must have a copy of the prescribed grazing plan in conservation plan file to support points)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the proposed treatment improve grazing management and plant health through the development of additional watering facilities such as troughs and pipelines to improve livestock distribution to ease overgrazing in some areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the proposed treatment include the use of facilitating practices such as fences to improve grazing management and plant health in conjunction with a prescribed grazing management plan (must have a copy of the prescribed grazing plan in conservation plan file to support points)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the proposed treatment improve grazing management and plant health through brush management to improve overall forage availability?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the proposed treatment improve grazing management and plant health through the development of additional watering facilities such as spring developments to improve livestock distribution to ease overgrazing in some areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will the proposed treatment address fire prevention/suppression through facilitating practices within a prescribed grazing management plan (applying a combination of practices such as brush management, fences, IPM, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will the proposed treatment include an IPM plan that will significantly reduce the presence of noxious and invasive weeds (as approved by NRCS State Agronomist)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation --Questions 12-13 (Max points 15)	
12. Will the planned treatment include a vegetative practices which will result in reduced non-point source pollution, groundwater contamination or point source contamination (e.g. applying buffers at	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

edges of fields or setbacks, etc.)?	
13. Will the planned treatment include structural practices or activities which will result in reduced non-point source pollution, groundwater contamination or point source contamination (e.g. sediment basins, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat --Questions 14-17 (Max points = 65)</b>	
14. Will the proposed treatment result in a vegetative practice or activity (such as range seedings, riparian buffers, etc.) which promotes wildlife habitat conservation ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Will the proposed treatment result in an alteration of normal harvest or mechanical treatments which promote wildlife habitat conservation (nesting, resting, shelter, feed)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Will the proposed treatment utilize practices or activities which take land out of production to provide wildlife habitat (food plots, shelterbelts etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Will the proposed treatment result in a structural practice or activity (such as wildlife water) which will promote animal health?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Inefficient Energy Use --Question 18 (Max points = 20)</b>	
18. Will the proposed treatment significantly reduce energy consumption (i.e. by at least 1/3 or more) and/or improve energy efficiency? Must be supported by energy audits or other approved documentation that can verify energy savings.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
<b>Degraded Plant Condition--Excessive Plant Pest Pressure --Questions 1-4 (Max points = 55); Answer only one of questions 1-3.</b>	
1. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of an IPM strategy to address all noxious and invasive weeds on all non-irrigated acres under the producer's control within the geographic area of the funding pool?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will proposed project result in the treatment of all noxious and invasive species without considering an IPM strategy as part of the contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the proposed project result in the treatment of two or more recognized high priority noxious or invasive species (field offices should determine priorities locally prior to ranking)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the IPM plan be fully implemented within two years or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Livestock Production Limitation —Inadequate Water--Questions 5-7 (Max points = 85)</b>	
5. Will the proposed treatment result in additional watering facilities for livestock (as part of a prescribed grazing plan) that will alleviate overgrazing by improving livestock distribution?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the proposed treatment result in livestock water development away from natural occurring water bodies, drains and irrigation water delivery facilities?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the proposed treatment result in improved quantities and quality of forage through the application of structural practices (e.g. installing cross fences to facilitate a rest-rotation grazing system)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Soil Erosion—Streambank--Question 8 (Max points 15)</b>	
8. Will the proposed treatment reduce streambank erosion through the application of management and/or structural practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Other--questions 9-12 (Max points = 95)</b>	
9. Is the proposed project part of a larger effort within the watershed (ie part of a grazing association, watershed group, or cooperative agreement) to address an identified resource concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Is the proposed project located within in an area identified locally as a priority? (For example, Local Work Group has identified wind erosion as a priority, and project identifies wind erosion as a resource concern).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will the planned treatment provide for an energy savings of 15% or more of the existing power use? (Requires a data source to support the savings)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Will the planned treatment improve grazing land health by increasing plant diversity with the re-establishment of native forbs, grasses and shrubs on native rangeland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

<b>Resource Concerns</b>	<b>Practices</b>
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**Ranking Score**

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

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