FY2018 EQIP SCREENING CRITERIA

(Circle answers within priority columns and for Screening Priority)

Applicant Name:		**County:**	
Application No:		**Field Office:**	
Evaluator Name:		**Date**	

QUESTION	HIGH PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY
1. **For HU Applicants ONLY**: Did the applicant self-certify as a Veteran Farmer/Rancher on the NRCS-CPA-1200 application form? (Note: Please remember that, by definition, a Veteran Farmer/Rancher must also be a Beginning Farmer/Rancher if they choose to compete in the BFR fund pool.)	YES	
2. Is applicant planning to implement a practice that provides a higher level of conservation benefit that treats the same Resource Concern on the same land by replacing an existing practice previously included in a completed NRCS financial assistance contract where the existing practice is still *within its lifespan*? (Note: the original contract must be expired for this consideration.) Example: Gated pipe was installed with NRCS financial assistance in 2010 and the contract expired 9/30/2013. Participant now wishes to upgrade to a Sprinkler on that same ground.	NO	
3. Has applicant failed to properly operate and maintain practices installed with program assistance that resulted in the re-emergence of the resource concern originally addressed with no other substantial changes within the operation?	NO	YES
4. In the last 3 years, has NRCS terminated or cancelled the applicant's previous financial assistance contract(s) due to violation or lack of progress within the participant's control, or has the applicant been notified of a contract violation for reasons within their control on an existing program contract?	NO	YES

- If any *circled* answer is in "LOW" priority column, the application is LOW priority;
- If all *circled* answers are in the "HIGH" priority column, the application is HIGH priority.

SCREENING PRIORITY: **HIGH** **LOW**

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FY2018 EQIP SALINITY-WILDLIFE SCREENING CRITERIA

(Circle answers within priority columns and for Screening Priority)

Applicant Name:		**County:**	
Application No:		**Field Office:**	
Evaluator Name:		**Date**	

QUESTION	HIGH PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY
1. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for one or more of the following species: yellow warbler, pheasant, marsh wren, or a federal/state/Tribal listed species?	YES	See Question 2
2. Is the projects primary purpose to improve habitat for screech owl or mallard breeding and winter, or, for the McElmo/Mancos salinity units, is the projects primary purpose to improve habitat for Merriam's Turkey, great-horned owl or mallard breeding and winter?	YES	NO
3. In the last 3 years, has NRCS terminated or cancelled the applicant's previous financial assistance contract(s) due to violation or lack of progress within the participants control, or has the applicant been notified of a contract violation for reasons within their control on existing program contract?	NO	YES
4. Will the project increase the Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) score by at least 0.2 points? [Using HEP models approved for habitat evaluation of salinity wildlife projects (FOTG, Section I, Biology Tech. Note 48) for the targeted species selected (as identified in the ranking questions).]	YES	NO

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- If all *circled* answers are in the "HIGH" priority column, the application is HIGH priority.

SCREENING PRIORITY: **HIGH** **LOW**

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