

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**WY - NWQI - Alamo Creek - Bighorn River**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> WY - NWQI - Alamo Creek - Bighorn River		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
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<b>Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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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"/>
<b>Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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"/>
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<b>Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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"/>
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<b>Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)</b>	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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<b>Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)</b>	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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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"/>
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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"/>

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Water Quality - EPA Watersheds:	
2. Does the application include core conservation practices that will be implemented within 1/4 mile of a stream or water body that is threatened (i.e. receives significant runoff of excess nitrogen and/or phosphorus) and on the EPA 303(d) list, or specified as a critical stream or water body authorized by the Regional Conservationist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Geographic Impacts:	
3. Do more than 75 percent of the acres treated meet both of the following criteria? i. Located within a NWQI watershed ii. Have at least one core conservation practice planned on them	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Collaborative Efforts:	
4. Are core conservation practices planned for the applicant's treated acres within an existing non-USDA water quality project area addressing the same or similar pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Efforts to address watershed impairments:	
5. Does this program application include the implementation of a system of conservation practices which address the NWQI primary resource concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Risk Soils:	
6. Are the core conservation practices to be implemented on offered acres with a majority of soil types that are classified Hydrologic Group D (high runoff) or Group A (high infiltration)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

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Answer YES to ONE of the following question: If the contracted practice(s) result in improved irrigation efficiency, select one of the following percentage water saved as determined by the FIRI tool. NOTE: Improved management or system factors that are claimed in the "Planned Condition" must be supported by contracted practices (e.g. IWM, SCI, land leveling)	
2. a) Between 5-10%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Concentration of salts:	
3. Will the contracted practice(s) result in elimination or minimization of concentrations of salts in specific problem areas identifiable on the latest ortho-imagery or on-the-ground visual assessment? Guidance: Award points for one or more of the following contracted practices: Salinity and Sodic Soil Management (610), Irrigation Water Management (449), Residue and Tillage Management – No Till (329) and/or Residue and Tillage Management – Reduced Till (345).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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