EQIP

Historical Review

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Objective

- Summary of Colorado fund pools
- Number of applications by each fund pool for 2016, 2017, 2018
- Number of Contracts funded by each fund pool
- Dollars obligated by each fund pool
Fund Pool/Codes – “account type”

- Allocation from NHQ
- Mandatory Programs
  - EQIP, CStP, CRP, ACEP
- Landscape Conservation Initiative
- National Programmatic Initiative
- USDA StrikeForce
- Colorado River Basin Salinity
Landscape Conservation Initiative

- NHQ will allocate specific amounts
- Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPCI)
- Sage-Grouse Initiative (SGI)
- SW Willow Flycatcher
- Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI)
- National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)
- National Air Quality Initiative
## Landscape Conservation Initiatives

### Applications

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Legend: 2016, 2017, 2018
Landscape Conservation Initiatives

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National Programmatic Initiative

• State Conservationist must offer these initiatives
• NHQ will not allocate specific amounts
• National Organic (Certified & Transition)
• National On-Farm Energy
• High Tunnel System
National Programmatic Initiatives

Applications

- ORGANIC CERTIFIED
  - 2016: 7
  - 2017: 3
  - 2018: 2

- ORGANIC TRANSITION
  - 2016: 5
  - 2017: 7
  - 2018: 1

- ON-FARM ENERGY
  - 2016: 20
  - 2017: 23
  - 2018: 26

- HIGH TUNNEL
  - 2016: 49
  - 2017: 57
  - 2018: 51

Contracts

- ORGANIC CERTIFIED
  - 2016: 4
  - 2017: 1
  - 2018: 1

- ORGANIC TRANSITION
  - 2016: 4
  - 2017: 3
  - 2018: 1

- ON-FARM ENERGY
  - 2016: 14
  - 2017: 1
  - 2018: 1

- HIGH TUNNEL
  - 2016: 34
  - 2017: 38
  - 2018: 39
National Programmatic Initiatives

Dollars Obligated

Organic Certified
Organic Transition
On-Farm Energy
High Tunnel

$0.00
$50,000.00
$100,000.00
$150,000.00
$200,000.00
$250,000.00
$300,000.00

2016 2017 2018
USDA StrikeForce

- Rural Growth and Opportunity
- Address Natural Resource Concerns within approved persistent poverty counties
- Acequias, Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, Arkansas River WQ - Selenium
# USDA Strikeforce

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Colorado River Basin Salinity

- Tons of Salt Saved
- Lower Gunnison Project Area – Delta
- Lower Gunnison Project Area – Montrose
- Mancos PA
- McElmo PA
- Silt PA
- Wildlife Habitat Improvement
- Colorado River Basin – Outside PA
Colorado River Basin Salinity

APPLICATIONS

2016  2017  2018

Lower Gunnison - Delta
Lower Gunnison - Montrose
Mancos
McElmo
Silt
Wildlife
Outside Project Area
Colorado River Basin Salinity

CONTRACTS

Lower Gunnison - Delta: 29, 22, 28
Lower Gunnison - Montrose: 25, 36, 28
Mancos: 2, 6, 1
McElmo: 21, 20, 20
Silt: 6, 1
Wildlife: 3, 5, 4
Outside Project Area: 0, 0
Colorado River Basin Salinity

Dollars Obligated

- Lower Gunnison - Delta
- Lower Gunnison - Montrose
- Mancos
- McElmo
- Silt
- Wildlife Habitat Management
- Outside Project Area

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
Historically Underserved

• Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (BFR/LFR)
  • Veteran Farmer or Ranchers

• Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (SDFR)

• Combined these two must total a minimum of 10% EQIP Financial Assistance

• Grazingland Health & Water Quality/Quantity Fund Pools
## Historically Underserved

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Statewide & Watershed Accounts

- All fund pools discussed so far is the total for National Initiatives and Program Policy
- General EQIP Fund Balance – State Developed
  - Statewide Accounts
  - Watershed Accounts
General EQIP Fund

**State Accounts**
- Animal Waste Management
- Forest Health East Slope
- Forest Health West Slope
- Wildlife Habitat
- Cutthroat Trout
- Conservation Activity Plans (CAPS)
- Targeted Conservation Proposals (TCP’s)

**Watershed Accounts – Water QQ, Grazingland Health, Soil Health**
- Colorado River
- Gunnison Dolores
- Lower Arkansas
- Lower South Platte
- North Platte-White-Yampa
- Republican River
- Rio Grande
- San Juan
- Upper Arkansas
- Upper South Platte
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Targeted Conservation Proposals (TCP’s)

• Local Funding Opportunity
• Identify projects where the need for a focused approach to treat a specific resource concern (Conservation Districts & NRCS staff)
• First year is the planning process and the second year is the funding
• Utilizes funds from the current year EQIP General Allocation
• Average amount of allocation for each TCP is $500,000
TCP Dollars Obligated

- 2016: $1,646,132.19
- 2017: $4,196,515.19
- 2018: $4,872,589.41

Dollars Obligated

$0.00

$1,000,000.00

$2,000,000.00

$3,000,000.00

$4,000,000.00

$5,000,000.00

$6,000,000.00
Average Percentage of Applications FY 16-18 Watersheds Only

- Water QQ: 55%
- Grazingland Health: 35%
- Soil Health: 10%
Applications for Watersheds

Water QQ, Grazing, Soil Combined

# OF APPLICATIONS

WATERSHEDS

- Colorado River
- Gunnison-Dolores
- Lower Arkansas
- Lower-South Platte
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- Republican River
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Contracts Per Watershed

Water QQ, Grazing, Soil Combined

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2016 2017 2018

# OF CONTRACTS
Dollars Obligated Per Watershed

Water QQ, Grazing, Soil Combined

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Watersheds

Dollars Obligated

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
## Summary of Applications, Contracts, Obligations

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### Graphs

#### Applications and Contracts

- **Applications**
  - 2016: 1364
  - 2017: 1825
  - 2018: 1513

- **Contracts**
  - 2016: 679
  - 2017: 617
  - 2018: 567

#### Dollars Obligated

- **2016**: $0.00
- **2017**: $5,000,000.00
- **2018**: $10,000,000.00

*Note: The graphs above represent the number of applications and contracts as well as the dollars obligated over the 3-year summary.*
Number of Fund Pools

• 2016 – 69 Fund Pools
• 2017 – 74 Fund Pools
• 2018 – 80 Fund Pools
• Challenge Managing
• Look at ways to reduce