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

This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for financial assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, batching periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and, unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (high, medium, and low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.

Screening Questions:

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Y = Proceed to Q2, N = Proceed to Q4
2. Is the proposed treatment area located within ODFW Sage-Grouse Core Area, ODFW Low Density area, or BLM designated Priority Habitat Management Area (PHMA)?
Y = High Priority, N = Proceed to Q3.
3. Is the proposed treatment area located outside ODFW Sage-Grouse Core and Low Density habitat, but within BLM designated General Habitat Management Areas (GHMA)?
Y = Medium Priority, N = Low Priority.
4. Is the proposed treatment area located within ODFW Sage-Grouse Core Area or Low Density and do the proposed practices address threats identified on the SGI Threats Checklist?
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High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
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D.C. Approval:	Date Approved:
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Sage Grouse Initiative – (EQIP)
All Threats
FY2019

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Ranking Criteria

1. Q1-2: ANSWER ONLY ONE; Does the application screen High Priority? 240 points
2. Q1-2: ANSWER ONLY ONE; Does the application screen Medium Priority? 100 points
3. Will the proposed treatment improve direct connectivity to a larger, open sagebrush habitat? 40 points
4. Is the proposed treatment area predominantly flat or gently sloping hills (approx. < 15% slope)? 30 points
5. Does the understory vegetation of the proposed treatment area consist primarily of native grasses, forbs, and shrubs? 50 points
6. Is the proposed treatment area free of old-growth juniper, pine, or pockets of trees that would be left even after treatment? 40 points
7. Is the participant currently following a grazing strategy that allows for full growing season rest at least 1 out of 5 years, or is the application/planned contract going to include 528 prescribed grazing to address sage-grouse related resource concerns? 50 points

NOTE: Upland Wildlife Habitat Management is required in every SGI conservation plan, whether or not a payment incentive is being provided.

**Conservation Practice Summary List
All Threats
FY2019**

2016 Updated SGI Conference Report Conservation Practice List	Code
Access Control	472
Access Road	560
Brush Management	314
Channel Bed Stabilization	584
Conservation Cover	327
Conservation Crop Rotation	328
Cover Crop	340
Critical Area Planting	342
Fence	382
Firebreak	394
Forage and Biomass Planting	512
Forage Harvest Management	511
Fuel Break	383
Grade Stabilization Structure	410
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment	548
Heavy Use Area Protection	561
Herbaceous Weed Control	315
Integrated Pest Management	595
Irrigation Field Ditch Irrigation System	388
Irrigation Pipeline	430
Irrigation System, Micro Irrigation	441
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface	443
Irrigation Water Management	449
Livestock Structure Shelter	576
Mulching	484
Obstruction Removal	500
Pipeline	516
Pond	378
Pond Lining or Sealing	521 A-D
Prescribed Burning	338
Prescribed Grazing	528
Pumping Plant	533
Range Planting	550
Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats	643

Riparian Forest Buffer	391
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment	654
Spring Development	574
Sprinkler System	442
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580
Structure for Water Control	587
Structures for Wildlife	649
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645
Water Well	642
Watering Facility	614
Wetland Enhancement	659
Wetland Restoration	657
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	380
Woody Residue Treatment	384