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<b>Applicant Name:</b>	<b>County:</b>
<b>Application No:</b>	<b>Field Office:</b>
<b>Evaluator Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

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.

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 Yes = Low Priority.  
 Application will be marked low priority and will not be ranked.  
 If no, then continue to question 2.
2. The applicant has an existing contract that has been modified 3 or more times to reschedule practices and/or to extend the contract length.  
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3. The applicant's property falls outside of the ODFW core sage-grouse area of the Baker-Keating project boundary.  
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 If no, then continue to question 4.
4. The applicant's property falls within the ODFW core sage-grouse area of the Baker-Keating project boundary. High priority.

<b>High Priority</b>	<b>Medium Priority</b>	<b>Low Priority</b>
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<b>D.C. Approval:</b>	<b>Date Approved:</b>
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**Sage Grouse Initiative – (EQIP)**  
**Threat: Invasive Annual Grasses in Baker-Keating**  
**FY2018**

The Baker-Keating Invasive Annual Grass Control CIS is a multiple partner strategy to address invasive annual grasses in core Sage-grouse habitat on rangeland. This strategy will allow landowners and partners an opportunity to collect inventory, identify and prioritize treatment areas, and implement practices to control invasive annual grasses, improve overall range health, increase plant diversity, and improve wildlife habitat.

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**Ranking Criteria**

1. Is the participant currently following a grazing strategy that allows for 2 years rest following the last treatment, or is the application/planned contract going to include 528 prescribed grazing to implement 2 years of rest following the last treatment to insure range condition and habitat is maintained to benefit sage grouse?  
200 points
2. Q2-3: ANSWER ONLY ONE; The medusahead infested area consists primarily of desirable perennial vegetation which is capable of natural recovery following treatment.  
150 points
3. Q2-3: ANSWER ONLY ONE; The medusahead infested area includes monocultures of medusahead which will require range seeding to establish desirable perennial vegetation following treatment.  
50 points
4. The conservation management unit generally supports a healthy plant community with a minimum of 3 deep rooted perennial bunchgrasses per square meter.  
100 points

NOTE: Herbaceous Weed Control (chemical) may need to be implemented more than once depending on the level of infestation and the degree of effectiveness.

Upland Wildlife Habitat Management is required in every SGI conservation plan but a payment incentive will not be provided.

**Conservation Practice Summary List**  
**Threat: Invasive Annual Grasses – Baker Keating**  
**FY2019**

- 315 - Herbaceous Weed Control
- 342 - Critical Area Planting
- 382 - Fence
- 472 - Access Control
- 516 - Pipeline
- 528 - Prescribed Grazing
- 550 - Range Planting
- 574 - Spring Development
- 595 - Integrated Pest Management
- 614 - Watering Facility
- 645 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management