

WA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) SGI SCREENING TOOL FY19

Applicant Name:	Fund Code: FY19 SGI - Sage Grouse Initiative
Application Number: 74054619 __ __ __	Field Office:
Evaluator Name:	Date: / /

Instructions: Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, "cut-off" dates are established for purposes of ranking and funding allocation. This original screening worksheet must be filed in the applicant case file and the screening priority (High, Medium, or Low) shall be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet will be provided to the applicant. Please answer questions on this screening tool in the order of Low, Medium and then High. Once you answer "Yes" to a question, you may stop the screening process and check the applicable priority.

(LOW) ALL

1. Applicant has an active contract with an uncertified practice that is scheduled for 2017 or prior or is out of compliance or have had previous contract terminations. (Excluding delays caused by NRCS) Yes__ No__
2. Areas with more than 4% tree canopy on or within one-half mile of planning unit. Yes__ No__
3. More than 40% of planning unit on or within one-half mile of high voltage powerlines &/or, US highway 2 &/or towns. Yes__ No__

(LOW) Rangeland

1. Planning unit both outside targeted areas and dispersed areas for SGI. Yes__ No__
2. Working Rangelands: Not actively being grazed by applicant, excluding expired CRP. Ranches being rested due to wildfire are still considered working rangelands. (Is the PLU not actively being grazed by the applicant) Yes__ No__

(LOW) Cropland and Transitional

1. Planning unit both outside targeted areas and dispersed areas for SGI. Yes__ No__

(MEDIUM) Cropland and Transitional

1. Quality habitat for sage grouse (i.e., intact shrub steppe) is outside of a 1 mile buffer from the planning unit. Yes__ No__

(HIGH) Rangeland

1. Working rangelands: Actively grazed operation by applicant. Ranches being rested due to wildfire are still considered working rangelands. (Is the PLU actively being grazed by the applicant) Yes__ No__
2. Expired CRP lands being converted to grazing land. Yes__ No__

(HIGH) Cropland and Transitional

1. Planning unit is located within the targeted area or dispersed areas for SGI and within 1 mile of quality sage grouse habitat (i.e., intact shrub steppe). Yes__ No__
2. Application contains expired CRP lands that producer is willing to maintain and enhance. Yes__ No__
3. The producer is willing to convert cropland to wildlife habitat. Yes__ No__

The application priority equals the lowest applicable checked box. After entering this screening priority in ProTracts, you may proceed with ranking the HIGH priority applications in the AERT. If funds are still available after all of the HIGH applications are funded (State-wide), you may proceed with ranking all of the MEDIUM priority applications. LOW priority applications should **not** be ranked.

DC Approval:	Date:
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