

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Div III - Crop Production

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Div III - Crop Production		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

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Soil Health: SELECT ONE of the following: Soil Health Principals include: 1) Using plant diversity to increase diversity in the soil, 2) Managing soils more by disturbing them less, 3) Growing a living root throughout the year, 4) Keeping the soil covered as much as possible 5) Integrate livestock grazing of cover crops where possible. Guidance: For 3a, 3b, and 3c, award points for one or more of the following contracted practices: Conservation Cover (327), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Cover Crop (340), Forage and Biomass planting (512), Nutrient Management (590), Integrated Pest Management (595), Prescribed Grazing (528), Residue Management – Reduced Till (345), and/or Residue and Tillage Management - No Till (329).	
3. a. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of three practices that address three or more	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

of the soil health principals?	
3. b. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of two practices that address two of the soil health principals?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of one practice that addresses one of the soil health principals?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Soil Erosion:</b>	
4. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will result in the long term reduction of soil erosion in stream corridors or riparian areas? Guidance: Award points for one or more of the following contracted practices: Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strip (393), Access Control (472), Livestock Shelter Structure (576), Channel Stabilization (584), and/or Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Healthy Plants and Wildlife: Will the proposed project address Plant Structure and Composition, Plant Pests and Wildlife Habitat Degradation?</b>	
5. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices for the management of noxious and invasive species ONLY on “non-cropland” acreage? (One of the following practices must be contracted to take points - 314 - Brush Management and/or 315 Herbaceous Weed Control) Guidance: Required documentation that noxious or invasive species are present and will be eradicated or controlled by the practice.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Land enrolled in this application establishes native grassland/sagebrush habitat and/or manages grassland/sagebrush habitat within Sage Grouse Core Area. Guidance: Use “sg_core_areas_v4.shp” located in f:\geodata\wildlife. Place GIS map documentation in case file. Award points for one or more contracted practices that will improve sage-grouse habitat within the sage-grouse core area.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that increase habitat and forage for pollinators and/or beneficial insects? Guidance: Award points for one or more of the following contracted practices with an approved pollinator seeding/planting plan: Conservation Cover (327), Field Border (386), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), Cover Crop (340), Forage and Biomass Planting (512), Forage Harvest Management (511), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380), and/or Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Insufficient water – inefficient use of irrigation water resource concern:</b>	
8. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will improve the efficiency of an existing irrigation system and/or result in the implementation of practices that will improve irrigation water management? Guidance: The contract must include Irrigation Water Management (449). Additional practices include one or more of the following conservation practices: Irrigation System - Microirrigation (441), Irrigation System – Surface and Subsurface (443), Sprinkler System (442), and/or Residue and Tillage Management – No Till (329).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Livestock Resource Concerns:</b>	
9. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of practices AND management that solve livestock resource concerns on a livestock operation? Guidance: Award points for contracted practices and contacted management that treat a livestock resource concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Soil Erosion-Crop Land Resource Concerns:</b>	
10. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will limit sheet, rill and/or wind erosion losses to Tolerable levels if currently above T; or reduce erosion by 50% if already at T, as determined by RUSLE2, WEPS, or IET. Guidance: Award points for one or more of the following contracted practices that will reduce erosion to tolerable levels: Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Cover Crop (340), Forage and Biomass Planting (512), Integrated Pest Management (595), Nutrient Management (590), and/or Residue and Tillage Management – No Till (329).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

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1. 1. Is the application for the development of a TSP prepared Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If the answer is "Yes", do not answer any other Local level questions. If the answer is "No", proceed with	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	
<b>Water - Insufficient Water: Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water</b>	
2. 2. Irrigation Systems: For Planned Sprinkler Systems: Answer YES to ONE of the following questions: 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: For Infrastructure, a water control structure ALONE will not result in water savings. For Infrastructure with conveyance improvements, to determine the water savings, enter the same on-field information for the "Existing" and "Planned" FIRI conditions. For all application types, improved management or system factors that are claimed in the "Planned Condition" must be supported by contracted practices (e.g. IWM, SCI, land leveling). NOTE: If two types of irrigation systems are being contracted with this application, answer the FIRI rating question according to the system which is treating the larger amount of acres. Select one of the following: a) Between 5-15%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b) Between 16-25%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c) Between 26-35%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d) Between 36-45%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e) Between 46-55%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. f) Between 56-65%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. g) Between 66-75%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. h) Greater than 76%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. OR Irrigation Systems: For Planned Systems other than Sprinklers: Answer YES to ONE of the following questions: Answer YES to ONE of the following questions: 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: For Infrastructure, a water control structure ALONE will not result in water savings. For Infrastructure with conveyance improvements, to determine the water savings, enter the same on-field information for the "Existing" and "Planned" FIRI conditions. For all application types, improved management or system factors that are claimed in the "Planned Condition" must be supported by contracted practices (e.g. IWM, SCI, land leveling). NOTE: If two types of irrigation systems are being contracted with this application, answer the FIRI rating question according to the system which is treating the larger amount of acres. Select one of the following:a) Between 1-4%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b) Between 5-8%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c) Between 9-12%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d) Between 13-16%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. e) Between 17-20%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. f) Between 21-24%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. g) Between 24-28%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. h) Greater than 28%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. a) Will Basic Irrigation Water Management (449) be contracted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b) Will Intermediate or Advanced IWM (449) will be contracted.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>How effectively and comprehensively the planned conservation practices address the identified RCs</b>	
5. 5. What percent of the irrigated field will be improved with the contracted practices? Select one of the following: a) Between 0-25%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b) Between 26-50%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. c) Between 51-75%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. d) Between 75-100%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Energy - Inefficient Energy Use</b>	
6. 6. Will the contracted practices facilitate a change in the pumping requirements and result in energy savings by going to a pump with reduced horsepower and energy requirements as compared to the original pump size (Must know HP of existing pump and planned pump to determine % change)? Select one of the following: a) Pump size will be reduced by less than 20%.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b) Pump size will be reduced by 21% to 50%.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c) Pump size will be reduced by greater than 51%. Select yes to this question if the pumping	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

requirement will be eliminated.	
<b>Animals - Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Degradation</b>	
7. 7. Will the contracted practices address Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Degradation specifically for Fish Passage and Screening? Select all that apply: a) Removal of barriers for fish movement up and down stream.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b) Modification, replacement, or new installation of the irrigation water control structure(s) to screen fish out of the irrigation system and allow them back into a viable habitat where the benchmark condition did not.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. In the field where the stream work is planned, will there be a reliable offsite water source installed as part of this contract (not including direct access to the stream? Guidance: Award points if the contract includes Prescribed Grazing (528), Watering Facility (614), Livestock Pipeline (516), and/or Water Well (642).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the contracted practices address Soil Erosion - Excessive Bank Erosion in stream corridors or riparian areas? Applicable contracted practices: Access Control (472), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Critical Area Planting (342), Fence (382), Filter Strip (393), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315), Livestock Pipeline (516), Livestock Shelter Structure (576), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), Spring Development (574), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), and/or Watering Facility (614).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will the contracted practices address a riparian area with an SVAP2 score of 6.9 or less at the time of application and contracted practices will improve the SVAP2 score? Applicable contracted practices: Access Control (472), Conservation Cover (327), Critical Area Planting (342), Fence (382), Field Border (386), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315), Livestock Pipeline (516), Prescribed Grazing (528), Range Planting (550), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), Spring Development (574), Stream Crossing (578), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), and/or Watering Facility (614).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Plants - Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure</b>	
11. Will the contracted practices address Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure? Applicable contracted practices: Brush Management (314) and/or Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p><b>Final Ranking Score:</b></p>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<p><b>NRCS Representative:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>
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8. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will improve the efficiency of an existing irrigation system and/or result in the implementation of practices that will improve irrigation water management? Guidance: The contract must include Irrigation Water Management (449). Additional practices include one or more of the following conservation practices: Irrigation System - Microirrigation (441), Irrigation System – Surface and Subsurface (443), Sprinkler System (442), and/or Residue and Tillage Management – No Till (329).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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answer is "Yes", do not answer any other Local level questions. If the answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	
<b>Water - Insufficient Water: Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water</b>	
2. 2. 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: For Infrastructure, a water control structure ALONE will not result in water savings. For Infrastructure with conveyance improvements, to determine the water savings, enter the same on-field information for the "Existing" and "Planned" FIRI conditions. For all application types, improved management or system factors that are claimed in the "Planned Condition" must be supported by contracted practices (e.g. IWM, SCI, land leveling). Select one of the following: a) Between 1-2%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b) Between 3-4%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c) Between 5-6%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d) Between 7-8%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e) Between 9-10%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. f) Between 11-12%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. g) Between 13-14%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. h) Between 15-16%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. i) Between 17-18%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. j) Between 19-20%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. k) Between 21-22%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. l) Between 22-23%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. m) Between 24-25%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. n) Greater than 26%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. a) Will Basic Irrigation Water Management (449) be contracted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b) Will Intermediate or Advanced IWM (449) will be contracted.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. Irrigation Conveyance - Percent of conveyance system improved. Conveyance system is defined as the existing ditch or pipeline between the point of diversion and the point of use. (answer YES to ONE of the following questions): a) Will 66 to 100% of the length of the conveyance system be improved from earth ditch to a closed system (pipeline) with contracted practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b) Will 33 to 65% of the length of the conveyance system be improved from earth ditch to a closed system (pipeline) with contracted practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c) Will less than 33% of the length of the conveyance system be improved from earth ditch to a closed system (pipeline) with contract practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Animals - Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Degradation</b>	
5. 5. Will the contracted practices address Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Degradation specifically for Fish Passage and Screening? Select all that apply: a) Removal of barriers for fish movement up and down stream.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b) Modification, replacement, or new installation of the irrigation water control structure(s) to screen fish out of the irrigation system and allow them back into a viable habitat where the benchmark condition did not.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>How effectively and comprehensively the planned conservation practices address the identified RCs</b>	
6. 6. How many of the following resource concerns will be addressed with the contracted practices (Degraded Plant Condition, Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife, Excessive Bank Erosion, and Water Quality Degradation)? Select one of the following: a) 1 resource concern	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b) 2 resource concerns	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c) 3 resource concerns	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d) 4 resource concerns	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Soil - Soil Erosion: Concentrated Flow Erosion, Ephemeral Gully, Classic Gully</b>	
7. 7. Will the contracted practices address gully erosion in an open dirt ditch by installing one of the following? a) Installation of a pipeline.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. b) Installation of a sealing liner.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plants - Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	
8. 8. Will the contracted practices address Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure? Applicable contracted practices: Brush Management (314) and/or Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Animals - Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Degradation	
9. In the field where the stream work is planned, will there be a reliable offsite water source installed as part of this contract (not including direct access to the stream? Guidance: Award points if the contract includes Prescribed Grazing (528), Watering Facility (614), Livestock Pipeline (516), and/or Water Well (642).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will the contracted practices address Soil Erosion - Excessive Bank Erosion in stream corridors or riparian areas? Applicable contracted practices: Access Control (472), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Critical Area Planting (342), Fence (382), Filter Strip (393), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315), Livestock Pipeline (516), Livestock Shelter Structure (576), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), Spring Development (574), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), and/or Watering Facility (614).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will the contracted practices address a riparian area with an SVAP2 score of 6.9 or less at the time of application and contracted practices will improve the SVAP2 score? Applicable contracted practices: Access Control (472), Conservation Cover (327), Critical Area Planting (342), Fence (382), Field Border (386), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315), Livestock Pipeline (516), Prescribed Grazing (528), Range Planting (550), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), Spring Development (574), Stream Crossing (578), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), and/or Watering Facility (614).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p><b>Final Ranking Score:</b></p>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<p><b>NRCS Representative:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>
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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Div III - Livestock Operation

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Div III - Livestock Operation		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<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"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<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"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<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"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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"/>

### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality: If the contracted practice(s) result in elimination or minimization of the potential for contaminants entering water bodies, SELECT ONE of the following based on proximity to the specific water bodies. Guidance: Refer to the DEQ Shape File located at f:\geodata\hydrography and the "Wyoming Water Quality Assessment and Impaired Waters List (2012 Integrated 305(d) and 303(d) Report) Table 9.4 for the list of pollutant causes and sources". Award points for one or more contracted practices that will eliminate or minimize the potential for the listed water quality impairments (E.coli, sediment, etc.) from entering water bodies. The contracted practices must address the resource concern; if additional practices are needed to address the resource concern, they must be contracted to award the points.	
2. a. Field(s) directly borders a surface water body listed on the 303(d) list as impaired or threatened for the pollutant cause "E-Coli" , "Fecal Coliform" , "Sediment" , "Phosphate" , or "Selenium" when the Source(s) is "Unknown" , "Irrigated Crop Production" or "Non-Point Source" .	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Field(s) directly borders a ditch, canal or tributary that flows directly into a surface water body listed on the 303(d) list as impaired or threatened for the pollutant cause "E-Coli" , "Fecal Coliform" , "Sediment" , "Phosphate" , or "Selenium" when the Source(s) is "Unknown" , "Irrigated Crop Production" or "Non-Point Source". Guidance: If the application directly borders the impaired stream, but the impaired section is below the property, award points for one or more contracted practices that address the water quality concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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<b>Forest Resource Concerns:</b>	
11. Will the application implement practices that will solve resource concerns associated with forestry? Guidance: The application must include one or more of the following conservation practices: Forest Stand Improvement (666), Tree and Shrub Planting (612), and/or Woody Residue Treatment (384).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

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Energy - Inefficient Energy Use	
2. Will the contracted practice Pumping Plant (533) result in the installation of a solar pumping plant to replace an electric pump or generator?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil - Soil Erosion: Concentrated Flow Erosion, Ephemeral Gully, Classic Gully	
3. Will the contracted practices address gully erosion with of a grade stabilization structure, irrigation pipeline, or other appropriate practice? Guidance: Documentation should include photos showing erosion patterns.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plants - Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	
4. Will the contracted practice Brush Management (314) treat a stand of sagebrush that is suppressing the ecological condition potential on rangeland? Note: current vegetation must have $\geq$ 25% sagebrush canopy cover. Treatment must follow the guidelines supplied in the governor's sage-grouse executive order and be followed by the appropriate deferment period for treated pastures.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the contracted practices Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315) and/or Brush Management (314) address Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition? Guidance: Brush Management treatment under this question does not include juniper or pine species, use 315 for treatment of herbaceous noxious or invasive weeds species (Cheatgrass, leafy spurge, knapweed etc.) and use 314 for treatment of (Prickly pear cactus, fringed sagewort, broom snakeweed, rabbitbrush, etc.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plants - Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	
6. Will the contracted practice Prescribed Grazing (528) address Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health in combination with additional contracted practices that result in a grazing plan that meets or exceeds the minimum 528 criteria? If so, how many additional pastures will be created? Guidance: The contract must include Prescribed Grazing (528) on the same acres for three consecutive years. Additional applicable contracted practices: Fence (382), Livestock Pipeline (516), Spring Development (574), Watering Facility (614), and/or Water Well (642). Select one of the following: a) 1-2 additional pastures created by cross-fencing.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b) 3-4 additional pastures created by cross-fencing.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c) 5 or more additional pastures created by cross-fencing.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation: Excess Nutrients in Surface and Groundwater	
7. Will the contracted practices address Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Livestock Water and is the pasture or grazing operation presently only watered with natural and/or seasonal water sources (Streams, Rivers, Reservoirs, Ponds, and Pits)? Guidance: Inventory water sources and include location and labels on Plan Map.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will contracted practices and/or management allow for controlled livestock movement, in lieu of cross fencing? Note: Multiple water sources in one or more large pastures will be utilized to move livestock by controlling access to water sources. Controlled access may be achieved through turning tanks on and off or fencing off water sources. Each grazing area will have water source designed to meet the water requirements of the whole herd while grazing any one grazing area. Guidance: Prescribed Grazing (528) must be contracted.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the contracted practices address Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Livestock Water by reducing distance to dependable water? Guidance: Dependable water sources must be available in adequate quantity for entire length of time that area might be grazed. Rough terrain is considered to have a slope of 20% or greater (NRPH 1997 - 5.2-39). Select one of the following: a) The water development/enhancement is proposed for a pasture where distance to existing reliable water is less than 1 mile on easy terrain, and less than 0.5 miles for rough terrain ( $>20\%$ slope).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b) The water development/enhancement is proposed for a pasture where distance to existing reliable water is greater than 1 mile on easy terrain, and greater than 0.5 miles for rough terrain ( $>20\%$ slope).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c) There will be a water development/enhancement planned for a pasture where the current water source limits the season of use.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation: Excessive Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids, or Compost	

Applications	
10. Will the contracted practices intercept and divert clean water away from animal feeding and confinement areas? Applicable contracted practices: Access Control (472), Conservation Cover (327), Critical Area Planting (342), Diversion (362), Drainage Water Management (554), Filter Strip (393), Sprinkler System (442), and/or Vegetative Barrier (601).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plants - Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	
11. Will the contracted practices treat Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids, or Compost Applications in Surface Water in animal feeding and confinement areas? Applicable contracted practices: Diversion (362), Feed Management (592), Stormwater Runoff Control (570), Vegetated Treatment Area (635), Waste Treatment (629), Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Recycling (633), and/or Waste Transfer (634).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
FORESTRY and GRAZINGLANDS	
12. Will the contracted practice Fuel Break (383) reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire through fuel reduction?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. 13. Will the contracted practices address Degraded Plant Condition resource concerns associated with forestry? Applicable contracted practices: Brush Management (314), Forest Stand Improvement (666), Tree and Shrub Planting (612), and/or Woody Residue Treatment (384).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plants - Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	
14. Will the contracted practices Forest Stand Improvement (666) and/or Woody Residue Treatment (384) reduce damage to the forest stand by pests (Mountain Pine Beetle, Ips Beetle, etc.)? Points may be awarded if Forest Plan identifies need to reduce pest damage/risk and these practices are included in the contract.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Animals - Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Degradation	
15. Will the contracted practice Structure for Wildlife (649) address fence visibility through the installation of fence markers on areas where frequent collisions with wildlife occur?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. 16. Will the contracted practices address wildlife migration corridors by retrofitting, modifying, or replacing existing wildlife unfriendly fences? Applicable contracted practices: Fence (382), Obstruction Removal (500), and/or Structure for Wildlife (649).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. 17. In the field where the stream work is planned, will there be a reliable offsite water source installed as part of this contract (not including direct access to the stream? Guidance: Award points if the contract includes Prescribed Grazing (528), Watering Facility (614), Livestock Pipeline (516), and/or Water Well (642).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Will the contracted practices address Soil Erosion - Excessive Bank Erosion in stream corridors or riparian areas? Applicable contracted practices: Access Control (472), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Critical Area Planting (342), Fence (382), Filter Strip (393), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315), Livestock Pipeline (516), Livestock Shelter Structure (576), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), Spring Development (574), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), and/or Watering Facility (614).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Will the contracted practices address a riparian area with an SVAP2 score of 6.9 or less at the time of application and contracted practices will improve the SVAP2 score? Applicable contracted practices: Access Control (472), Conservation Cover (327), Critical Area Planting (342), Fence (382), Field Border (386), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315), Livestock Pipeline (516), Prescribed Grazing (528), Range Planting (550), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), Spring Development (574), Stream Crossing (578), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), and/or Watering Facility (614).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. Will the contracted practices address fish and wildlife habitat within the Stream Corridor or Riparian Area? Applicable contracted practices: Access Control (472), Aquatic Organism Passage (396), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Critical Area Planting (342), Forage and Biomass Planting (512), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities (643), Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Structure for Wildlife (649), and/or Tree/Shrub Establishment (612).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
21. 21. Will the contracted practices be located within a designated WGFD designated Aquatic Management Area? If yes, please select the type of area, based on the WGFD Habitat Designation map located at this site: <a href="https://wgfd.wyo.gov/WGFD/media/content/PDF/Habita">https://wgfd.wyo.gov/WGFD/media/content/PDF/Habita</a>	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

t/Habitat%20Priority%20Areas/Statewide_AandC_Crucial.pdf a) Aquatic Crucial Areas	
21. b) Aquatic Combined Crucial Areas	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

<b>Resource Concerns</b>	<b>Practices</b>
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**Ranking Score**

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p><b>Final Ranking Score:</b></p>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<p><b>NRCS Representative:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>
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