

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Div VII - Cropland

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Div VII - Cropland		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
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of the soil health principals?	
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3. c. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of 1 practice that address ONE of the soil health principals?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Erosion:	
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"/>
Healthy Plants and Wildlife: Will the proposed project address Plant Structure and Composition, Plant Pests and Animal Habitat Degradation? (Answer all that apply for a maximum of 15 points).	
5. a. 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 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"/>
5. b. Land enrolled in this application establishes native grassland/sagebrush habitat, and/or manages grassland/sagebrush habitat within a Sage Grouse Core Area? Guidance: Use “sg_core_areas_v4.shp” located in f:\geodata\wildlife. Place GIS map documentation in casefile. 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"/>
5. c. 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"/>
Insufficient water –Inefficient use of irrigation water resource concern:	
6. 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? (Irrigation Water Management (449) must be contracted for points). 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"/>
Livestock Resource Concerns:	
7. EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of practices and management that solve 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"/>
Soil Erosion - Cropland Resource Concerns:	
8. 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"/>
Forest Resource Concerns:	
9. 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"/>

Local Issues Addressed

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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 local level questions.	
1. a. 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 evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Fish Screening and Passage (Select all that apply):	
2. a. Will the contracted practice(s) result in the removal of fish barriers, allowing movement up and downstream ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Will the contracted practice(s) result in the irrigation water control structure(s) that are modified, replaced or new installation to screen fish from the irrigation system, and allow fish back into viable habitat where the benchmark condition did not ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer YES to ONE of the following question: 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. Improved management or system factors that are claimed in the "Planned Condition" must be supported by contracted practices (e.g. IWM, SCI, land leveling)	
3. a. Between 1-2%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Between 3-4%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Between 5-6%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Between 7-8%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. e. Between 9-10%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. f. Between 11-12%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. g. Between 13-14%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. h. Between 15-16%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. i. Between 17-18%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. j. Between 19-20%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. k. Between 21-22%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. l. Between 22-23%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. m. Between 24-25%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. n. Greater than 26%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Will the contracted practices result in conservation to a more water efficient system ? (i.e. contour ditch to gated pipe, gated pipe to sprinkler). Select only ONE of the following:	
4. a. 0 - 33% of the contracted field is converted to a more water efficient system OR	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. 34 -66% of the contracted field is converted to a more water efficient system OR	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. 67-99% of the contracted field is converted to a more water efficient system OR	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. 100% of the contracted field is converted to a more water efficient system	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Practice Lifespan	
5. Does the planned work include replacing failed infrastructure that has exceeded its lifespan.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Control for Farm Delivery - Will the contracted practice(s) result in removal and replacement of existing structures and improved ability to control water delivery to the effected irrigation system? (Answer YES to ONE of the following):	
6. a. Instream Dam, Diversion Structure	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Headgate/headwall	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Check Structure in canal to control water level	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Debris Screen	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does application include practices (must be contracted) that will improve the ability to manage water, enhance water savings, and/or increase the management level of available water in the field? (Answer YES to ONE of	

the following):	
7. a. Concrete Ditch	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Land Leveling/Land Smoothing	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Gated Pipe (No Surge)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Gated Pipe w/Surge Irrigation System	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Gated Pipe to split the length of run in the field	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Sprinkler	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. g. Any combination of two or more of the above systems, per field treated	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the project include installation of a water measuring device ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Percent of Water Conveyance System improved. Water 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):	
9. a. Will the entire canal or lateral be improved from earth ditch to a closed system (pipeline)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Will 66 to 99% of the length of the canal or lateral be improved from earth ditch to a closed system (pipeline)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Will 33 to 65% of the length of the canal or lateral be improved from earth ditch to a closed system (pipeline)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. d. Will less than 33% of the length of the canal or lateral be improved from earth ditch to a closed system (pipeline)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the installation of a Sprinkler System that will travel ? (Answer YES to ONE of the following):	
10. a. Full 360 degree	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. b. 270 -359 degree -partial revolution	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. c. 145 - 269 degree -partial revolution	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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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:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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5. a. 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"/>
5. b. 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 casefile. 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"/>
5. c. 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"/>
Insufficient water – inefficient use of irrigation water resource concern:	
6. 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? (Irrigation Water Management (449) must be contracted for points). 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"/>
Livestock Resource Concerns:	
7. EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of practices and management that solve 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"/>
Soil Erosion-Crop Land Resource Concerns:	
8. 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"/>
Forest Resource Concerns:	
9. 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"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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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 local level questions.	
1. a. Is the program application for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan? If the 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.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
General Questions:	
2. Will the proposed project implement practices in an existing Forest Management Plan (CAP 106), Forest Stewardship Plan or Project Plan, and the application is implementing practices identified in the plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is pre-commercial thinning for the improvement of forest land health, including reduced risk of pest damage, the primary objective of the applicant by applying Forest Stand Improvement (666)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will this application reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire through fuel reduction by applying Fuel Break (383)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the application implement a thinning project that is adjacent to recently completed (in the past 3 years) or planned thinning operation on state, private, USFS or BLM lands ? (Yes or No).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, Candidate and State Species of Concern Benefitted (Check all that apply):	
6. Does the project enhance habitat for a state species of concern as prioritized by LWG ? (645, 644 and/or 643 must be contracted).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Div VII - Grazingland

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Div VII - Grazingland		Applicant:
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Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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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"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Soil Health :- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
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. a. 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"/>
2. c. Field(s) directly borders a solid blue line stream as marked on a USGS topographic 7.5 -minute, 1:24,000-scale quadrangle series map.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Field(s) directly borders a ditch, canal or tributary that flows into a solid blue line stream as marked on a USGS topographic 7.5-minute, 1:24,000-scale quadrangle series map.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Answer 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 address one of the soil health principals?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Erosion:	
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"/>
Healthy Plants and Wildlife:	
5. a. 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"/>
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Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water resource concern:	
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Livestock Resource Concerns:	
7. EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of practices AND management that solve 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"/>
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Forest Resource Concerns:	
9. 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"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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"Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local level questions.	
1. a. 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 evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy:	
2. Will the plan include converting an electric pumping plant to a renewable energy source such as a solar pumping plant ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Brush Management/Invasive Species:	
3. Will the proposed project treat a stand of sagebrush that is suppressing forage production and ecological condition potential on rangeland ? Current vegetation must have: \geq 25% sagebrush canopy cover, and treatment must follow guidelines supplied in the governor's sage-grouse executive order and be followed by the appropriate deferment period for the treated pastures. Contract will include 314-Brush Management practice. Check: YES or NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the proposed project apply 314-Brush Management to treat species other than sagebrush, junipers, or pines? Check: YES or NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will pine and/or juniper encroachment on grazed rangeland be treated through 314-Brush Management to improve or maintain plant health and vigor? Note: Must have minimum canopy cover of 6% or 75 stems/acre. Contract must include 314 -Brush Management practice. Check : YES or NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the application include the treatment of invasive weeds, and does the area contain significant amounts of plant species that are on the Wyoming Noxious Weed List or County Declared List ? Application must include 314- Brush Management and/or 315- Herbaceous Weed Control practice to receive points. Check: YES or NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the application include 595-Integrated Pest Management? Must be a contracted item to receive points. Check : YES or NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Resource Concerns Treated - Does the application address a State or Local Priority Resource Concern on land under control of the applicant at the time the application was submitted? (Answer only ONE question below)	
8. a. On 76% to 100% of the land under control of the applicant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. On 51% to 75% of the land under control of the applicant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. On 26% to 50% of the land under control of the applicant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. d. On 26% to 50% of the land under control of the applicant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Riparian Areas - Will livestock access to surface water sources be reduced or eliminated by fencing, or the development of alternative grazing pastures away from riparian areas (must be contracted practice(s) to receive points)? Answer only ONE question below:	
9. a. Will the proposed project reduce or eliminate livestock access to natural water courses by the establishment of a riparian pasture?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Will the proposed project reduce or eliminate livestock access to natural water courses by pasture cross fencing?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Will the proposed project reduce or eliminate livestock access to natural water courses by providing additional upland water developments?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Fencing - By the end of the contract period, will there be additional pastures created by cross- fencing? (Must contract 528) Select only ONE question below:	
10. a. Will 5 or more additional pastures created by cross-fencing?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. b. Will 4 additional pastures created by cross-fencing? OR	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. c. Will 3 additional pastures created by cross-fencing OR	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. d. Will 2 additional pastures created by cross-fencing? OR	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. e. Will 1 additional pasture created by cross- fencing?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Livestock Water -	
11. If reliable stock water development (Water well, pipelines and/or tanks) are included in the application, is the pasture or grazing operation currently only watered with natural and/or seasonal water sources and the current water source limit the season of use (streams, reservoirs, ponds, pits) ? YES or NO	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Water - Livestock Water Distribution (Answer only ONE below):	
12. a. By the end of the contract, does the proposed project improve livestock water distribution within THREE or more pastures, within NRCS distance and quantity guidelines?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. b. By the end of the contract, does the proposed project improve livestock water distribution within TWO pastures, within NRCS distance and quantity guidelines?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. c. By the end of the contract, does the proposed project improve livestock water distribution within ONE pasture, within NRCS distance and quantity guidelines?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water - Distance to Water (Note: to be considered dependable, water must be available in adequate quantity for entire length of time that areas could be grazed): (Answer only ONE):	
13. a. Is water development/enhancement planned for a pasture that has no other dependable water within NRCS Distance and Slope Guidelines?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. b. Is water development/enhancement proposed for a pasture where distance to existing reliable water is > 1 mile on easy terrain, and/or >.5 miles for rough terrain (>20% slope)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. c. Is water development/enhancement proposed for a pasture where distance to existing reliable water is <1 mile on easy terrain, and/or <.5 miles for rough terrain (>20% slope)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality:	
14. a. Is the proposed water source, a "CLEAN" quality water source (source from tanks, developed springs, rock water gaps, prevents livestock/wildlife from standing for long periods in the water, fouling the source)? (Yes or No)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Contract must include 528; Grazing Rotation - Recovery Time (Note: Recovery time during the growing season dependent on the location and must be defined by your NRCS Area or State Range Specialist. Calculations are the length of the grazing season for the contracted acres, divided by the number of days generally in the pasture, = the percent use, 100% use to get % rest. 120 day growing season, in pastures 95 days on general, =95/120 =.75, 1.75=25% recovery time) Answer only ONE:	
15. a. Is plant recovery time in the contracted prescribed grazing system >75% ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. b. Is plant recovery time in the contracted prescribed grazing system 25- 75% ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. c. Is plant recovery time in the contracted prescribed grazing system <25% ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Fish & Wildlife Structures -	
16. a. Will the application address fence visibility through the installation of fence markers in areas where frequent collisions with wildlife occur (649-Structure for Wildlife will be a contracted item)? (Yes or No)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. b. Will the proposed project address wildlife migration corridors by retrofitting, modifying or replacing existing wildlife unfriendly fences ? (649-Structure for Wildlife must be a contracted item). (Yes or No)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Escape Ramps - 649-Structure for Wildlife must be a contracted item(s).	
17. Will contracted acres have Wildlife Escape Ramps installed in 100% of existing tanks ? (649-Structure for Wildlife must be a contracted item). (Yes or No)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

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Ranking Score

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
Div VII - Streambank - Riparian

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Div VII - Streambank - Riparian	Applicant:	
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National Priorities Addressed

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Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Soil Health :- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
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
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 state priority category.	
1. a. 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"/>
2. c. Field(s) directly borders a solid blue line stream as marked on a USGS topographic 7.5-minute, 1:24,000-scale quadrangle series map.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Field(s) directly borders a ditch, canal or tributary that flows into a solid blue line stream as marked on a USGS topographic 7.5-minute, 1:24,000-scale quadrangle series map.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Answer 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 3 practices that address three or more of	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

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 address one of the soil health principals?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Erosion:	
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"/>
Healthy Plants and Wildlife: Will the proposed project address Plant Structure and Composition, Plant Pests and Animal Habitat Degradation? Answer all that apply for a maximum of 15 points	
5. a. 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"/>
5. b. 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 casefile. 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"/>
5. c. 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"/>
Insufficient water – inefficient use of irrigation water resource concern:	
6. 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? (Irrigation Water Management (449) must be contracted for points). 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"/>
Livestock Resource Concerns:	
7. EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of practices AND management that solve 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"/>
Soil Erosion-Crop Land Resource Concerns:	
8. 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"/>
Forest Resource Concerns:	
9. 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"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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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 local level questions.	
1. a. 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 evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality: (Answer ONE of the following):	
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" 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" or "Non-Point Source" ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Livestock: (Answer all that apply):	
3. In the field where the stream work is planned, will there be a planned, reliable offsite water source installed as part of this contract (not including direct access to the stream, pumping or gravity flow from the stream itself)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project area be fenced to exclude or provide adequate rest and recovery from livestock use for riparian vegetation establishment following implementation? (382-Fence must be a contracted item). Yes or No	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will 2 or more practices be implemented that further accelerate stream restoration and address water quality or soil erosion concerns? (472-Access Control, 580- Streambank and Shoreline Protection, 584-Channel Bed Stabilization, 395-Stream Habitat Improvement and Management, 382 -Fence, 390 -Riparian Herbaceous Cover).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
General Questions:	
6. Will the application implement practice(s) that address Soil Erosion – Excessive bank erosion from streams, shorelines, or water conveyance channels? (472-Access Control, 580- Streambank and Shoreline Protection, 584- Channel Bed Stabilization, 395-Stream Habitat Improvement and Management, 390-Riparian Herbaceous Cover).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the application implement practices that address a riparian area with an SVAP score of 6.9 or less at the time of application, and contracted practices will improve the SVAP score? (580- Streambank and Shoreline Protection, 395-Stream Habitat Improvement and Management).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the application address fish and wildlife habitat within the Stream Corridor or Riparian Area? (Assign points if the primary resource concern is fish and wildlife habitat).	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>Final Ranking Score:</p>

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:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for
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Signature Date:	Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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