



Fiscal Year 2021 Screening Worksheet Southwest Washington Small Forest Lands Conservation Partnership RCPP- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

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Fiscal Year 2021 Application Screening Worksheet**
A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible RCPP-EQIP application.

Applicant Name:	Date:
Evaluator Name:	Application Number:
Fund Pool: RCPP SW NIPF - 1650	Sign-Up Number:

RCPP-EQIP is a competitive financial assistance program and applications are screened and ranking based on the expected conservation benefits of planned practices in the schedule of operations. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible applicant applying for financial assistance. **If participant(s) are not FSA eligible, STOP. Do not screen participant until FSA eligibility has been met.**

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; however, application cutoff periods are established for purposes of ranking and funding decisions. A screening worksheet can be processed for each application cutoff period. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide RCPP-EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or RCPP-EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.

Conservation Planning Priority and/or CART Ranking will only occur on High screened applications.

<p>If Yes to any, Low Priority status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If No, continue to medium priority-based screening factors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last 3 EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant had a NRCS contract terminated or cancelled; excludes termination or cancellation at no fault to applicant • Has a current contract not on schedule • Has received an NRCS-CPA-153 on an active contract that is still out of compliance (does not include 153s as a result of NRCS error). • Applicant has any existing EQIP contract (active, completed, terminated, canceled), and the applicant did not meet the O&M requirements for the lifespan of the conservation practice previously funded through EQIP • Is not located in the RCPP area or does not have a prioritized SW WA RCPP resource concern.
<p>If NO to any, Medium Priority status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If Yes to all, continue to high priority-based question.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application has a prioritized resource concern and meets the criteria required to be determined a High priority application. • Application has a Forest Management Plan completed/updated that meets NRCS standards for an acceptable FMP See WA Instructions 190-380 • All practices the applicant is interested in receiving funding are delineated and identified on FMP/Conservation Plan Map. (e.g. treating 5 acres in a 20 acre FMU without the 5 acres polygon shown on the map is not acceptable.)



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<p>If Yes to any, High Priority status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If No, then application is a Medium priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant - Productivity and Health. One of the following must be met. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thinning overstocked stand(s) in Planning Land Unit to within density range(s) described in Forestry Technote 10 AND Avg. Live Crown Ratio of stand(s) is greater than 30% AND Avg. DBH of stand(s) is less than 8”. 2. Restoring root rot area, windthrow, storm, wildfire damaged stands, or understocked forestland. Applicant is required at time of screening to have a Forest Practice Application Permit (if necessary) and/or other local authority permits in place and timeframe for the removal of impacted trees within next 18 months. • Plant - Wildfire Hazard Biomass Accumulation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wildfire hazard is identified in applicant’s FMP that includes inventory and site-specific practices AND treatment will only occur in areas that have significant risk of extreme wildfire hazard area as identified by the WAC 332-24-650 or 332-24-652. I.e., along public roads, railroads, etc. UNLESS the PLU is located in WUI High Risk Communities, Community Wildfire Protection Plan, or Firewise Adapted Communities it can receive full PLU treatment. • Water - Sediment Transported to Surface Waters. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application treats Water Quality Degradation – An eligible forest road segment per the NRCS Forest Roads Planning Guidelines is treated to restore a fish bearing waterbody on the applicants land; decommissioning of road segments included within. • Animal – Terrestrial Habitat for Wildlife and Invertebrates. One of the following must be met. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addresses a degraded forestland by planting to a diverse mix of trees and shrubs as described in Forestry Technote-30 in abandoned pasture or cropland; must include nut or fruit producing trees and shrubs. 2. Addresses at least 2 habitat elements in degraded riparian area to QC in Bio-Technote 14. One QC element must be planting OR thinning to increase buffer width, length, or diversity in a degraded riparian area. See Trees & Shrubs for Riparian Plantings for species recommendations. 3. Addresses at least 2 habitat elements in a degraded upland forest to QC in Bio-Technote 14. One QC element must include planting native fruit or nut producing trees/shrubs or managing/thinning to promote mast or forage producing species. 4. Other activity or proposal that promotes habitat for species listed in this RCPP agreement. Include approval from Lead Partner POC and NRCS POC to use this screening criteria for HIGH screening (northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, fisher, & listed fish species)
Application Screening Priority:	
District Conservationist Approval Signature:	Date Approved:



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