

NE - Forestland

National Priorities:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
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.	250
2	a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15
2	b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	10
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)?	10
2	d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	10
2	e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	10
3	a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	15
3	b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	10
3	c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10
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?	10
4	a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	10
4	b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	10
4	c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	10
4	d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	10
5	a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	10
5	b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	10
6	a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	10
6	b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	10
6	c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	10
6	d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	10
7	a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10
7	b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	10
8	a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	10
8	b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	10
9	a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	10
Total Points		500

State Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		Degraded Plant Condition:	
	1	a. Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health: Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will result in increased forest plant productivity and health.	80
2		Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife:	
	2	a. Habitat Degradation Food, Water Cover/Shelter, Habitat Continuity / Space: Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will result in the improvement of wildlife habitat?	95
3		General Questions:	
	3	a. 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?	25
	3	b. Will this application result in the conversion of cropland to forestland?	50
Maximum Points: 250			Total Points: 250

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Local Issues:

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Questions:

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1		Degraded Plant Condition:	
	1	a. Wildfire Hazard, Excess Biomass Accumulation: Will the proposed project result in the implementation of Woody Residue Treatment (384) or Forest Stand Improvement (666) to reduce the risk of wildfire?	100
	1	b. Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health: Will the proposed project result in the reduction of degraded plant condition by implementing one or more of the following priority practices: Woody Residue Treatment (384), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), or Forest Stand Improvement (666)?	70
	1	c. Excessive Plant Pest Pressure: Will the proposed project result in implementation of practices Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315), or Forest Stand Improvement (666) to control undesirable species?	70
2		Inadequate Habitat For Fish and Wildlife:	
	2	a. Habitat Degradation Food, Water Cover/Shelter, Habitat Continuity / Space: Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by implementing one or more of the following priority practices: Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Forest Stand Improvement (666), or Early Successional Habitat Development and Management (647)?	110
3		General Questions:	
	3	a. Will the proposed project improve woodland health by treating areas damaged from blow downs or other catastrophic events that have occurred in the past 5 years?	50
		Maximum Points: 400 Total Points	400