1. Existing Condition of eligible areas to be restored to HISTORIC conditions (50 Pts Maximum)

A. Effectively drained through hydrologic alterations (cropping success in >8/10 years) AND currently cropped
   Check alterations that are currently present and functioning on site

   Surface ditches
   Choose from drop-down menu or enter your own
   50 Points X % of Area = - Points

   B. Partially drained through hydrologic alterations (cropping success in >5/10 years) AND currently cropped
   Check alterations that are currently present and functioning on site

   Choose from drop-down menu or enter your own
   30 Points X % of Area = - Points

   C. Eligible riparian areas within 300' of bank. Riparian area will be treated with structural practices.
   Identify planned structural practices:

   Choose from drop-down menu or enter your own
   25 Points X % of Area = - Points

   D. Eligible riparian areas within 300' of bank. Riparian area does not require treatment or will be treated
   with vegetative/non structural practices only.

   E. Wetlands farmed under natural conditions (this is crop cessation wetlands)

   F. Existing degraded wetlands that have been or are being used for food and/or fiber production that have
   SIGNIFICANT hydrologic alteration
   OR
   Partially drained through hydrologic alterations and has cropping success <5/10 years

   TOTAL DOES NOT EQUAL 100 PERCENT

2. Estimated surface acres of hydrology to be restored (crop cessation does not count) Maximum 50 points

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   Weighted Average Points

3. Percent of easement area annually planted to row crops; includes CRP; Maximum 10 points

   Points
   Greater than 75% annually planted
   Between 50 and 75%
   Between 25 and 49.9%
   Less than 25%

   3) 0 Points


   A. Will restored area provide habitat for rare species (documented occurrence of rare species within
   one mile of offer)? List species below

   Federally Listed 10 Pts
   State Listed 5 Pts

   Points

   B. Is site within 0.5 mile of existing wetland complex greater than 25 acres in size, (5 Pts)
   (must be public or conservancy ownership, existing easement or shown on NWI)

   YES
   NO

   4) 0 Points

   C. Size of habitat to be restored/protected. Equal to 2% of proposed project area (Max 5 Pts)

   4) 0 Points
5. Water Quality Criteria (6 Pts Each; Maximum 15 Points)
Check all that apply
A. >50% of offered acres are in a 303D/TMDL impaired water?  0 Points
B. >50% of runoff from offered area drains to and is located within 1/2 mile of DNR Protected Waters  5 Points
C. >50 acres of active cropland (outside project area) will drain directly into the restoration site  0 Points

6. Location Significance (Maximum 20 Points)
A. Location of offered acres on USFWS HAPET map (Appendix 1)  20 Points
- 0 Points
- 15 Points
- 10 Points
- 5 Points

B. Location of offered acres on MNDNR Prairie Plan Map (Appendix 2)  15 Points
- DNR Prairie Conservation CORE Area  15 Points
- DNR Prairie Conservation Corridor Complex Area  10 Points

C. Proximity of offered acres to existing permanently protected conservation area  10 Points
- Offered acres are adjacent to existing permanently protected area  10 Points
- Offered acres are within one mile of a permanently protected area  5 Points

7. Cost Benefit Maximum 20 points
A. SITE RESTORATION COSTS (maximum 10 points) Enter cost estimate based on preliminary WRPO
- <$600/Acre - 10 Points
- $601 < $1200 - 5 Points
- $1201 < $1800 - 0 Points
- >$1800 - MINUS 15 Points

B. SITE ACQUISITION COSTS (maximum 5 points) Average Cost per Acre for Easement Acquisition (based on GARC)
- < $1,500 per Acre (5 points)
- $1,501 - $2,200 per Acre (3 points)
- $2,201 - $3,000 per Acre (1 points)
- > $3,000 per Acre (0 points)

C. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS (maximum 5 points)
1. Structural Operation & Maintenance
   a) Preliminary WRPO contains structures which will need to be maintained, and a 3rd party has agreed to accept responsibility (5 pts)
   b) Preliminary WRPO contains only vegetative practices (3 pts)
   c) Preliminary WRPO contains structures which will need to be maintained by NRCS (0 pts)

8. Size Criteria For this criteria, use the total acreage of your project, not just the restorable wetland portion. (For Group Projects Use the Total Acres/Number of participants—See Calculation Below)  10 Points Maximum
   Number of restorable acres from eligibility checklist (Pothole)  0
   Number of restorable acres from eligibility checklist (Non Pothole)  0
   Total acres offered for WRE enrollment  0
   A. Restorable Wetland Portion is Depressional and Total Project acreage is <20 [minus 25 Points] OR
   B. Restorable Wetland Portion is Slope/Flat and Total Project acreage is <40 (minus 25 Points) OR
   C. All Projects 101-250 acres (5 Points)
   D. All Projects >250 acres (10 Points)

9. Length of Easement
   A. Permanent OR Corresponding acquisition by a Conservation Agency or Organization that will offer permanent protection OR 30-Yr Tribal Contract. (0 Points)
   B. 30 Years [-10 Points]

10. Financial Contribution by Others
    Will the landowner or others contribute financially to the enrollment? To qualify for these points, contribution pledge must be documented in writing (attach), AND reduce NRCS base cost by at least 20% YES (5 points)
    NO (0 points)
11. Bonus Points
To be added by the Biologist or Wetland Specialist Only in consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service. (10 Points maximum)

Does the site have some unique features or conditions which are not reflected in the ranking (bog, fen, quality shrub/carr);
OR does the site contain wetlands restored through other programs; OR does it add value to an existing WRP easement or other protected area? Provide documentation.

YES [ ] Enter 0-10 Points - 11) Points

NO [ ]

12. Proximity to Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape
Greater than 5 miles from Camp Ripley boundary but within Sentinel Landscape boundary [ ] 12) 0 5 Points
Easement is 1 to 5 miles of the Camp Ripley boundary [ ] 12) 0 15 Points
Easement is less than 1 miles of the Camp Ripley boundary [ ] 12) 0 25 Points

13. Red River Basin Initiative Points - (Maximum 15 points) - THESE POINTS SHALL ONLY BE APPLIED TO APPLICATIONS THAT WILL COMPETE WITHIN THE RED RIVER BASIN SPECIAL INITIATIVE FUND POOL

1. Will this easement offer be part of a controlled temporary flood storage project of greater than 100 acre/feet?
   YES [ ] (5 points)

2. Is the easement offer part of the comprehensive water retention plan of the local water board or is the offered area under review or being studied by a project team or interdisciplinary team?
   YES [ ] (3 points)

3. Location significance within the Red River Basin

   Very High [ ] (7 points)
   High [ ] (6 points)
   Medium [ ] (4 points)
   Low [ ] (2 points)
   Very Low [ ] (1 point)
   Early Water* [ ] (0 points)**

** 7 points if water will be stored until Red River mainstem falls below flood stage

13) 0 Points

Total: [ ] (Max 215 points)
### SUMMARY OF RANKING FACTORS

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### Size Criteria Calculation for Group Projects:

- Total Acreage in Group: [ ]
- Total No. of Participants in Group: [0]
- Average Acreage in Group: [ ]

NRCS Signature: ____________________________________________
Title: ____________________________________________________

USFWS Concurrence: _________________________________________
Title: ____________________________________________________