

**Greater Sage-grouse WLFW
EQIP/WHIP Screening Worksheet**

Applicant Name: _____

Application No.: _____ Field Office: _____

If any of the following boxes are checked, then the application is Low Priority.

(Exceptional circumstances that should be considered may be explained in the notes below)

<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant does not have eligibility paperwork submitted within 14 business days after the batching date. <small>FY2013 Batching dates are: December 21, March 15, May 17</small>
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the applicant does not have a lease for the entire contract period and/or control of land cannot be verified.
<input type="checkbox"/>	In the last 3 years, the applicant requested contract cancellation or had a contract terminated for non-compliance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant has an active contract that has been modified (more than once) to re-schedule items. Re-scheduling of items has been at applicant request.
<input type="checkbox"/>	One or more of the proposed practices in this application was deleted from a previous contract on the same contracted acres.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicant has had previous practices installed that failed due to lack of maintenance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commencement of a practice within the first 12 months may be delayed and cause the contract to be in non-compliance. Assign low priority and re-evaluate when planning/designs are completed. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project will require significant cultural resource inventory. If accurate contracting or a cultural resource inventory is required due to a possible “take” on this site, then defer the application and re-evaluate when the project is ready to move forward. • The project will be located on federal land and requires coordination/approval from the federal agency; this includes NEPA approval.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed practices do not address a priority resource concern or meet local, state, and national objectives.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The acres offered for enrollment include significant ($\geq 20\%$) fragmentation (caused by human activity) with little opportunity to address through EQIP or WHIP (such as fragmentation due to mining or abandoned cropland)
<input type="checkbox"/>	The majority ($> 50\%$) of the offered acres are located outside of any Current Distribution Area or Historic Range.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The application will include areas where herbaceous species in the plant community (i.e. blue grama, club moss) will not have the potential to meet the herbaceous height goal on $> 1/3$ of total offered acres.

If none of the boxes above have been checked, and any of the following boxes are checked, then the application is Medium Priority. (exceptional circumstances to be considered may be explained in the notes below)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant has requested cancellation of a contract in the past 3 years.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some, but not all, of the planned practices address a high priority resource concern, as identified by the local work group.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The majority ($> 50\%$) of the offered acres are within a Core Area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The majority ($> 50\%$) of the offered acres are located outside a core area, but within the current distribution area.

To be High Priority, all of the following must be met.

<input type="checkbox"/>	A Prescribed Grazing Plan has been developed with the applicant in the last 3 years. The conservation plan covers all the grazingland acres and includes a schedule of structural, vegetative, and management practices to address the resource concerns.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The majority ($> 50\%$) of the offered acres are located within a Core Area.

Additional Notes – Use this block to explain responses or exceptional circumstances to be considered in assigning a priority to the application.

Priority:

<input type="checkbox"/>	High		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low		
		District Conservationist Signature	Date