

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

SWT Multi-land Use

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> SWT Multi-land Use		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
<b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. 1. Will 3 or more SWAPA elements be treated through this EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Will all contracted practices be management, vegetative or non-engineering type practices, or if engineering practices are included will the participant supply the engineering design certified by a licensed professional engineer?.....(This includes producer-selected TSP designs)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. Will practices be implemented to treat surface water quality concerns in a planning unit that is immediately adjacent to a 303d listed (category 4 or 5) waterbody, as shown on the WA DOE web-based map?..... ( <a href="http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm">http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm</a> )	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. Will the initial contract length be limited to 5 years or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5. Will contracted practices assist the producer in complying with AFO/CFO, Tribal or Forest Practices Act laws and regulations, or the Food Quality Protection Act?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is applicant certified as Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, or Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. (1) Do you need to develop a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan to address an existing nutrient and animal waste utilization problem on your livestock/poultry operation? Score: 5 Modifier Definition: Grant points if the application is a livestock/poultry operation with lands where animal manure is applied, and will include the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan that meets NRCS criteria. Evaluation may be based on case file information and applicant interview. An existing nutrient management resource problem must be present to receive these points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. (2) Will you implement an animal waste storage and/or animal waste treatment facility for your livestock/poultry operation to treat a significant water quality resource problem? Score: 25 Modifier Definition: Grant points if a waste storage and/or animal waste treatment facility is needed and included in the application. Evaluation may be based on applicant interview, livestock/poultry numbers, and current storage capability.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. (3) Do you plan to implement an on-farm animal mortality facility to properly compost/treat animal mortality on your livestock/poultry operation? Score: 15 Modifier Definition: Grant points if an animal mortality facility is needed and included in the application. Evaluation may be based on applicant interview, livestock/poultry numbers, and current facility capability.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. (4) Will you implement practices that control or collect animal waste and contaminated surface runoff from concentrated livestock/poultry areas to storage or treatment facilities? Score: 25 Modifier Definition: Assign points for practices that control and collect animal wastes and other contaminated surface runoff from concentrated livestock/poultry areas to storage facilities or treatment facilities.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. (5) Will you implement treatments that either divert or exclude surface water runoff from livestock/poultry concentration or confinement areas? Score: 25 Modifier Definition: Assign points for a practice or group of practices which will be applied that divert or exclude surface water runoff from concentrated livestock/poultry areas, or practices that contain/treat contaminated surface water runoff from concentrated livestock/poultry areas, and/or animal trails & walkways.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. (6) Will you implement practices which facilitate the improved transfer and/or application of animal wastes to eligible receiving ground? Score: 10 Modifier Definition: Assign points for practices which facilitate the	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

transfer and/or application of animal wastes to receiving grounds (cropland, pasture, forage ground). Implementation of these practices will facilitate the applicant improve waste utilization, achieve the nutrient management goals prescribed in the CNMP and/or bring in new additional acres for waste application.	
7. (7) Will you implement a fenced buffer that will exclude livestock access into streams, water bodies and wetlands on your operation? Score: 15 Modifier Definition: Grant points if application includes a fenced buffer for livestock exclusion from water bodies and wetlands. Off channel watering facilities can be included when needed.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. (8) Will you implement either or both water developments and cross-fencing to achieve proper grazing distribution in order to facilitate the practice of prescribed grazing which will improve forage condition on your grazing lands? Score: 5 Modifier Definition: Grant points if there is sufficient indication that: (1) there is either a lack of adequate water quantity or availability and/or (2) there is lack of adequate cross-fencing and these are limiting factors for achieving proper grazing distribution. Evaluation may be based on aerial photos, case file information, the National Range and Pasture Handbook, and applicant interview.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. (9) Will you implement a practice(s) that will improve the efficiency of your current irrigation system, facilitate the practice of proper irrigation water management, and/or conserve irrigation water? Score: 10 Modifier Definition: Grant points if the current irrigation system will be improved and irrigation water management will be applied. This includes replacing an open delivery system with pipeline, replacing leaky delivery pipeline, converting above ground portable mainlines to underground pipelines, converting or improving sprinkler systems to more efficient systems. The intent is not to increase irrigation capacity of the existing system or irrigated acreage.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. (10) Will you install any of the following types of buffers (Grass Buffer Strip, Field Border, Hedgerow, or Riparian Forest Buffer) on your operation that will provide a water quality benefit? If primary purpose is wildlife or pollinators use question 24 instead. Score: 25 Modifier Definition: Grant points if the application includes a buffer practice that will provide a water quality benefit. Filter strips, field borders, grassed waterways, hedgerow plantings, field windbreak, shelterbelts, contour grass strips, grass buffer strips, and riparian forest buffers are all examples of conservation buffers. Evaluation may be based on aerial photos, topographic maps, and applicant interview. If practice primary purpose is wildlife use question 24.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. (11) Will you install any of the following types of buffers (Grass Buffer Strip, Field Border, Hedgerow, Windbreak/Shelterbelt) on your operation to address resources concerns other than water quality. Benefits could be to air quality, or other non-water quality related concerns. If primary purpose is wildlife or pollinators use question 24 instead. Score:10 Modifier Definition: Grant points if the planned practices address air quality concerns, including chemical drift or odor, and/or provide visual screening. If practice primary purpose is wildlife use question 24.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. (12) Will you develop and implement an integrated pest management plan on cropland or grazing land (NRCS Practice 595) to NRCS quality criteria. Score:10 Modifier Definition: Grant points if the application includes cropland or grazing land with an existing need to manage pests and minimize environment risk. Each Pest Management 595 plan and specifications will include the documentation and maintenance of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan and will encourage the minimum level of pest control necessary to meet crop production objectives. Basic Plan may be implemented up to 3 consecutive years.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. (13) Will you implement conservation practices that mitigate the adverse impact of pesticides to surface and/or ground water on cropland? Score: 25 Modifier Definition: Grant points if the application includes cropland or grazing land where pesticide use is needed for production and there is a high risk of water contamination from their use. Practices will be implemented to reduce adverse effects of pesticides in ground and/or surface water. Practices can include mitigating practices that reduce contamination of water from pesticides. Evaluation may be based on pesticide risk analysis and/or documented adverse effects on ground and/or surface water.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. (14) Will you implement a cover crop on your operation (NRCS Practice 340). Score: 30 Modifier Definition: Grant points on cropland that requires vegetative cover for natural resource protection. Practice is only eligible to be implemented on fields that have had cover crop not more than 2 of the previous 3 years. Cover Crop may be paid up to, but may not exceed, 3 years of consecutive implementation. For example, if a cover crop was planted once in the previous 3 years, that field would be eligible for 2 consecutive years of implementation.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. (15) Will you implement a nutrient management plan on your operation (NRCS Practice 590)? Score: 25 Modifier Definition: Grant points if an existing nutrient management related resource concern is present on all lands where plant nutrients and soil amendments are applied. Resource concerns may include soil condition, water quality, or air quality. Basic plan may be implemented up to 3 consecutive years.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. (16) Will you conserve soil moisture and suppress weeds by mulching on cropland (NRCS practice 484)? Score: 5 Modifier Definition: Grant points if the mulching is intended to control noxious and invasive plants,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

reduce tillage, modify soil temperature or help maintain soil moisture sufficient to reduce irrigation needs. Document that mulching isn't currently implemented in that field.	
17. (17) Will you implement a composting facility to address resource concerns associated with current on-farm composting activities (NRCS Practice 317)? Score: 10 Modifier Definitions: Grant points if a composting facility will address existing surface or ground water quality resource concerns related to current on-farm composting activities. If implementing a composting facility a 590 plan must also be implemented.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. (18) Will you implement a Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops to improve plant productivity (NRCS Practice 798)? Score: 5 Modifier Definition: Seasonal high tunnel will be installed on currently cropped farm ground, for production of in-ground crops.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. (19) Are you planning to correct impaired water management features on existing forest roads which treat erosion, sediment delivery, inadequate drainage, and other water management resource problems? Score: 50 Modifier Definition: Grant points if there are road related erosion, sediment delivery, inadequate drainage or other water management problems. Eligible roads are private, non-industrial roads on all eligible lands. Road construction is not eligible. Problem areas can be identified by RMAP Plans, aerial or onsite photo interpretation, and from landowner descriptions.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. (20) Will you implement treatments that enhance an existing forest riparian zone on your operation? Score: 15 Modifier Definition: Grant points for enhancing existing riparian areas. Conservation practices will be implemented that expand the current buffer widths or improve plant diversity, establish native species, or improve streamside habitat to meet NRCS Riparian Forest Buffer standards. Commercial thinning and/or harvesting are not eligible for cost share. Evaluations may be based on aerial photos, topographic maps, and applicant interview.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
21. (21) Do you plan to implement Forest Stand Improvement (666) in order to manage stand density on your forestland for one or more resources purposes? Score: 15 Modifier Definition: Points will be awarded if the applicant agrees to apply forest stand improvement practice(s) on the proposed contract acres. The definition of forest stand improvement is to manipulate species composition, stand structure, and stocking by cutting or killing selected trees and understory vegetation. The purposes are: to improve understory forage production, aesthetics, wildlife & fish habitat, recreation, hydrologic conditions; to improve or sustain timber production; to initiate forest stand regeneration; or a combination of purposes. Documentation for this practice includes: the extent and size of the treatment area; spacing, density and numbers of preferred species and understory species; stocking rates in terms of basal area, spac	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. (22) Will you implement forest management practices for the purpose of treating or correcting adverse forest health (insect, disease, animal damage, noxious/invasive species, fire hazards) related concerns or issues on your forestland. Score: 15 Modifier Definition: Grant points if the applicant agrees to implement forest management treatments that will treat or correct adverse forest health concerns. These will be health related issues above and beyond those forest health benefits derived from forest stand improvement practice (666). These would be adverse health conditions or threats resulting from insect damage, disease, animal damage, noxious invasive species and fire hazard, situations that pose a threat to forest productivity, health and vigor.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
23. (23) Will you convert cropland/pastureland back to native forest species. Score: 15 Modifier Definition: Points will be awarded if the applicant agrees to implement afforestation by converting historic or current cropland/pastureland back to native forest species.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
24. (24) Do you have an existing Forest Stewardship, Conservation, and/or forest management plan on the forest acreage identified to be treated if contracted? Score: 5 Modifier Definition: Points will be awarded if the applicant has a forest management plan for the forestland acres which will be treated. Forest management plan can include a plan. Applicant needs evidence of a management plan to receive points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
25. (25) Will you implement treatments that will improve, restore, or enhance wildlife habitat limiting factors on your land? Wildlife improvement can include developing pollinator habitat. Score: 10 Modifier Definition: Points will be awarded if the applicant agrees to implement treatments that will improve, restore, or enhance wildlife habitat limiting factors (identified by tech note 14) on their land as a primary purpose, not just as a secondary benefit.	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:**

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:**