

**NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) &
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
Working Lands for Wildlife – Southwestern Willow Flycatcher
NATIONAL SCREENING CRITERIA WORKSHEET - Fiscal Year 2014**

A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible Southwestern Willow Flycatcher application.

Instructions:

This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP or WHIP Working Lands for Wildlife – Southwestern Willow Flycatcher assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions.

Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP or WHIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP or WHIP 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.

Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet – Complete for each eligible EQIP or WHIP Applicant

Applicant Name:		County:	
Application No: (OPTIONAL)		Field Office:	
Evaluator Name:		Date:	

Priority Determination for ProTracts – Select One:

<p><u>High Priority Category:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications within the target species “Focal Area” where a Core practice will be applied on all treated acres OR in instances where a Supporting practice is necessary to implement the Core practice, where a Core or Supporting practice will be applied on all treated acres; <li style="text-align: center;">Or The project size is > 10 acres and the landscape scale forest cover is >70%. 	<p>High Priority Status in ProTracts</p>
<p><u>Medium Priority Category:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications outside the target species “Focal Area”, where a Core practice will be applied AND in accordance with the state determined criteria that identifies which applications are likely to rank highly and benefit the species. This category also includes those applications within the “Focal Area” where a core practice will not be installed on the entire contract acres; <li style="text-align: center;">Or The project size is <10 acres, the landscape scale forest cover is >70% and the elevation is >2000 ft. 	<p>Medium Priority Status in ProTracts</p>
<p><u>Low Priority Category:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications where a Core practice will not be applied; <li style="text-align: center;">Or The project size is <10 acres, the landscape scale forest cover is <70% and the elevation is <2000 ft; <li style="text-align: center;">Or All other applications. 	<p>Low Priority Status in ProTracts</p>

The priority determination of high, medium, or low must be recorded in ProTracts for this applicant.

D.C. Approval:		Date Approved:	
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