EQIP FY 2009
Rio Grande Watershed
Screening Tool Forestry

4/07/09

1. Does the applicant have a current conservation plan (less than five years) in place for the requested practices that complies with current NRCS conservation planning policy, with completion and documentation of the seven deliverables as outlined in the FOTG Conservation Planning Statement of Work" (Section IV; B. Non-Practice, Statement of Work) Forest Management Plan must cover the life expectancy of the contract.

Yes: High No: Low

2. Are the requested planned practices needed and feasible to address the applicable recourse issue for which the application is being requested (field visit required)?

Yes: High No: Low

3. In the last 3 years; has the producer had a previous cost share contract cancelled; or terminated due to lack of progress; or has a current contract where no progress has been made.

No: High Yes: Low

4. (Select 4a or 4b below)

4a. The planned practices are designed to improve the health and vigor of a forest using standards and specifications for Forest Stand Improvement (666) and Forest Slash Treatment (384). This does not include clear cutting stands of dead or soon to be dead trees. If contracted practices include Tree Planting (612) and Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) dead and/or dying stands of trees may be considered high priority.

Yes: High No: Low

4b. Planned practices are designed to reduce hazardous fuels, provide fuel reductions, or to protect a high value area from fire according to standards and specifications for Fuel Break (394)

Yes: Medium No: Low

5 Enduring practices are primarily to protect or landscape residential acreages.

No: High Yes: Low

6. Enduring practices are within an approved forest mgt plan.

No: Low Yes: High

Final Priority Status is the lowest value of the questions answered. If any question is answered low or medium then the final priority status is low or medium respectively.

Final Priority Status High Med Low

(Circle one)