

EQIP FY 2009
Rio Grande Watershed
Screening Tool Soil Management

Applicant Name _____ **Initials** _____ **Date** _____

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)

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. Idled cropland corners are (or will be) managed to maintain groundcover as follows:

a) Weeds disced annually or not controlled

No: High

Yes: Low

b) Mowed annual weeds or established in permanent cover

No: Low

Yes: High

5. Planned practices will reduce erosion below Acceptable Conservation System levels (ACS levels shown in Field Office Technical Guide

No: Low

Yes: High

After answering all questions, the final priority status will be determined. Use the lowest priority response. Example: Two answers are high and one answer is low. The project will be considered a low priority project and will only be funded after the high priority projects have been ranked and funded.

Final Priority Status
(Circle one)

High

Low