

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Upper Arkansas WS - All Lands/Wildlife/Riparian

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Upper Arkansas WS - All Lands/Wildlife/Riparian		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	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"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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"/>
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project improve habitat for a wildlife species currently categorized as a State or Federal T&E species, Federal Candidate or Proposed species, or State Species of Concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation-induced or streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the proposed project acres located in a State recognized, identified wildlife/habitat area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. If Question 1 is "no" is the proposed project acres located in a Locally recognized, identified wildlife area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the proposed project adjacent to an EXISTING, on-going, active wildlife habitat enhancement, maintenance, or restoration effort?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Are the proposed project acres contiguous?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Are there contributing wildlife partners OR is the project part of a special riparian corridor initiative?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is this application a joint/cooperative agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does the conservation treatment include the maintenance of previously enrolled or currently enrolled, but soon to be expired CRP lands as part of the wildlife management system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Identification of the key habitat type that will be maintained, enhanced, or restored. (Answer only one 8a-8e, yes, if applicable)	
8. a. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Short Grass Prairie?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Seasonal Wetlands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Sand Sage Prairie/Mixed Grass?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. d. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Riparian Corridor/Wetland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. e. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Identification and priority of the target species based on the status category. (Answer only one 9a-9d, yes, if applicable)	
9. a. Does the implemented conservation treatment favors a Federal threatened or endangered species or a State endangered species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Does the implemented conservation treatment favors a State species of concern, State threatened or Federal candidate species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

9. c. Does the implemented conservation system and facilitating practices favor a declining native or economically important species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. d. Does the implemented conservation system and facilitating practices favor species with stable or increasing populations, or are not otherwise listed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Location of habitat conservation or enhancement projects located near human activities, dwellings and disturbances. (Answer only one 10a-10b, yes, if applicable)	
10. a. Are human disturbances/occupied dwelling(s) and activities greater than 1,320 feet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. b. Are human disturbance/occupied dwelling(s) and activities less than 1,320 feet, but greater than 660 feet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Identification of the limiting factors that will be addressed with the conservation treatment. Choose from the following limiting factors for target species; (1) cropland quality/quantity, (2) pasture/hayland quality/quantity, (3) herbaceous vegetation other than pasture/hayland, (4) woody vegetation, (5) diversity/quality of natural plant communities, (6) forest size, (7) interspersed of vegetation size, (8) wildlife drinking water, (9) rangeland condition, (10) forest ecosystem condition, (11) forest openings . .	
11. a. From the list above are the number of limiting factors for the target species >0 but =<2?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. b. From the list above are the number of limiting factors for the target species >2 but =<4?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. c. From the list above are the number of limiting factors for the target species >4?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Riparian Management-Stream Restoration: Conservation treatment addressing the restoration of stream corridors impacting wildlife habitat and biological integrity.	
12. a. Improvement in riparian/stream health as measured with the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 (SVAP2) by an increase in score of 5 or greater relative to the current benchmark condition.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. b. Improvement in riparian/stream health as measured with the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 (SVAP2) by an increase in score of 3 but less than 5 relative to the current benchmark condition.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. c. Improvement in riparian/stream health as measured with the Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 (SVAP2) by an increase in score of less than 3 relative to the current benchmark condition.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
PLANNED CONDITION and DESCRIPTION: Conservation treatment addresses limiting factors as identified in the applicable Wildlife Species Model or Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide. (Use species models in USDA-NRCS Biology Tech Note #40 or, if a WSM model is not available for the targeted species use the WEG-Colorado Wildlife Evaluation Guide)	
13. a. Will implementation of the project result in a minimum increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of 0.50 points for the targeted species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. b. Will implementation of the project result in an increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of between 0.30 and 0.49 points for the targeted species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. c. Will implementation of the project result in an increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of between .1 and .29 points for the targeted species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Riparian Health/Invasive Species Control and Management	
14. a. The ratio of the number of riparian habit acres improved to the number of riparian habit acres needing improvement is >0 but =<0.25	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. b. The ratio of the number of riparian habit acres improved to the number of riparian habit acres needing improvement is >0.25 but =<0.50	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. b. The ratio of the number of riparian habit acres improved to the number of riparian habit acres needing improvement is >0.50 but =<0.75	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. b. The ratio of the number of riparian habit acres improved to the number of riparian habit acres needing improvement is >0.75	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: