

Ranking Criteria-FY17 WRIA 1 RCPP - Fish Passage

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MINIMUM RANKING SCORE = 170 points

National Priorities Addressed-Issue Questions	Points	Notes
1a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)?	250	No
Water Quality degradation -Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)		
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15	No
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	10	No
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	10	Yes or No
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	10	Yes or No
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	10	No
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)		
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft?		No
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?		No
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicable practices are in geographically established or watershed-wide project?		No
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	10	No
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)		
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	10	No
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	10	No
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	10	No
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	10	No
Soil Health :- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)		
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	10	No
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tillth and structure?	10	No

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Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)		
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern?	10	Always Yes
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	10	No
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	10	Yes or No
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	10	Yes or No
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)		
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10	Always Yes
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	10	No
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)		
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	10	No
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	10	No
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQ” Plan of Operations” result in:		
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or observation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	10	No
TOTAL	500	60 pts possible for FDF aps
State Issues Addressed-Issue Questions	Points	Notes
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)?	100	No
1. This would be the participant’s first NRCS FA contract, or the participant has successfully completed all prior contract(s). Use applicant interviews, staff knowledge and ProTracts searches to determine that applicant has had: No NRCS program contract cancellations or terminations.	20	Yes or No
2. Will the initial contract period end on December 31, 2018, or before?	15	Yes or No
3. Will contracted practices assist the applicant in complying with at least one of the following: AFO/CFO, Tribal or Forest Practices Act laws and regulations, Water quality compliance on DOE designated water bodies, The Food Quality Protection Act? Identify:	10	Yes or No
4. Regardless of location, do all of the practices treat a Tribal resource concern according to the TRA?	15	Always Yes

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5. Are the practices on, or adjacent to (physically touching) Tribal lands? If so, do all the practices treat the resource concerns identified in the TRA?	5	Yes or No
6. Does the applicant have a current NRCS RMS inventory completed?	5	Yes or No
7. Will the contract assist the applicant in implementing an existing RMS plan (signed between 10-16-2006 and 10-16-2015) for the proposed contract area?	15	Yes or No
8. Application will provide financial assistance for livestock related EQIP conservation practices.	15	No
TOTAL	200	85 pts possible for FDF aps
Local Issues Addressed-Issue Questions	Points	Notes
FISH PASSAGE: Select all that apply		
1. Fish Passage Project is complementary to State or County funded fish passage projects in the same watershed.	100	
2. Project is in partnership with a WRIA 1 RCPP partner.	100	
3. Applicant or partner will contribute at least 25% of project cost as match.	100	
4. Project is in WRIA 1 focus watershed (Kendal Creek/High Creek, California Creek).	100	
HABITAT GAIN:		
5. Will the project increase access to 0.5 to 1.0 miles of habitat	100	
6. Will the project increase access to more than 1 mile of habitat	100	
TOTAL	500	

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