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Ranking Tool Summary

for FY2013 - Area 2 - Upper Sevier Team - Range

(Released 12/07/2012)

Description:

Range

Land Uses:

Grazed Range

Efficiency Score:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 100 - 67	Medium: 66 - 34	Low: 33 - 0
High	Medium	Low

Optional Notes:

National Priorities:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 250 - 167	Medium: 166 - 83	Low: 82 - 0
High	Medium	Low

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250
2	a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15
2	b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	15
2	c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	5
3	a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	15
3	b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	10
3	c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	5
4	a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15
4	b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	15
4	c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	5
5	a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	15
5	b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	5
6	a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk,	15

	candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	
6	b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	10
7	a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10
7	b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	10
7	c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	5
7	d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	10
7	e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	10
7	f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	5
8	a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	15
8	b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	10
8	c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	10
9	a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	10
9	b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	5
9	c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	5
Total Points		500

State Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 250 - 167	Medium: 133 - 84	Low: 83 - 0
High	Medium	Low

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
	1	Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250
2		Wildlife	
	2	Will the practices installed facilitate improvement in the habitat for sensitive, threatened, or endangered species?	50
3		Weeds	
	3	Will the practices installed control all invasive species present on the offered acres?	50
4		Water Quality	
	4	Will practices be installed to improve the identified TMDL impairment adjacent to and/or located less than 1320 feet from a TMDL identified water body?	50
5		Grazing Lands	
	5	Will the practices installed result in the implementation of a planned grazing	50

		system?	
6		Pollinator Habitat	
	6	Will this application include development of food, cover, and/or nest sites for native pollinators in accordance with Utah Technical Guide Notice UT238?	50
		Maximum Points:	Total Points
			500

Local Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 3.900

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 115 - 77	Medium: 76 - 34	Low: 33 - 0
High	Medium	Low

Questions:

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1		If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
	1	Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	115
2		Priority Area	
	2	Is the proposed project located in a LWG priority area and addresses the resource issues for that area?	5
3		Priority Resource Concerns	
	3	Does the proposed project address 4 or more LWG priority resource concerns?	9
	4	Does the proposed project address 2 or 3 resource concerns that are not LWG priority resource concerns?	6
	5	Does the proposed project address 1 resource concern that is not a LWG priority resource concerns?	3
4		Non-Priority Resource Concerns	
	6	Does the proposed project address 4 or more resource concerns that are not LWG priority resource concerns?	6
	7	Does the proposed project address 2 or 3 resource concerns that are not LWG priority resource concerns?	4
	8	Does the proposed project address 1 resource concern that is not a LWG priority resource concerns?	2
5		Rangeland Health	
	9	Is the change in Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health Score sheet for EQIP greater than 20?	50
	10	Is the change in Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health Score sheet for EQIP between 16 and 20?	40
	11	Is the change in Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health Score sheet for EQIP between 11 and 15?	30
	12	Is the change in Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health Score sheet for EQIP between 6 and 10?	20
	13	Is the change in Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health Score sheet for EQIP between 1 and 5?	10

6		Economics	
	14	Will the total project cost be <\$50 per acre?	30
	15	Will the total project cost be between \$50 and \$100 per acre?	25
	16	Will the total project cost be between \$101 and \$150 per acre?	20
	17	Will the total project cost be between \$151 and \$200 per acre?	15
	18	Will the total project cost be between \$201 and \$250 per acre?	10
	19	Will the total project cost more than \$250 per acre?	5
7		Water Quality	
	20	Is the project located in a watershed of a nutrient impaired TMDL or [303 (d) listed] water body (lake, stream, reservoir or TMDL nutrient impaired watershed) AND the contracted practices will address the water quality resource concerns identified?	15
		Maximum Points:	Total Points
			420

Selected Resource Concerns and Practices:

Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants

- Access Control (472)
- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
- Brush Management (314)
- Channel Bed Stabilization (584)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Dike (356)
- Diversion (362)
- Fence (382)
- Firebreak (394)
- Fuel Break (383)
- Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
- Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548)
- Grazing Management Plan - Written (110)
- Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
- Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) (595)
- Integrated Pest Management Plan - Writte (114)
- Livestock Pipeline (516)
- Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written (146)
- Pond (378)
- Pond Sealing - Clay Treatment (521D)
- Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealan (521C)
- Prescribed Burning (338)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Pumping Plant (533)
- Range Planting (550)
- Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Sediment Basin (350)
- Shallow Water Development and Management (646)
- Spring Development (574)
- Stream Crossing (578)
- Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)
- Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Water and Sediment Control Basin (638)
- Water Harvesting Catchment (636)
- Water Well (642)
- Watering Facility (614)

Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor

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Water Quantity: Rangeland Hydrologic Cycle

- Access Control (472)
- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Area 2 - Upper Sevier Team - Range

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Area 2 - Upper Sevier Team - Range		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. 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"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 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 implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	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 implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with 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"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat 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: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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Grazing Lands	
5. Will the practices installed result in the implementation of a planned grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Pollinator Habitat	
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Priority Area	
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Non-Priority Resource Concerns	
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Economics	
14. Will the total project cost be <\$50 per acre?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Will the total project cost be between \$50 and \$100 per acre?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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20. Is the project located in a watershed of a nutrient impaired TMDL or [303(d) listed] water body (lake, stream, reservoir or TMDL nutrient impaired watershed) AND the contracted practices will address the water quality resource concerns identified?	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:**