

Range Ranking Questions (240 potential points)

1. Will the proposed project result in implementation of all planned structural practices within 2 years of contract obligation and within 4 years for all management practices? *40 points*
2. Will the practices to be implemented build upon practices already implemented through an approved conservation plan? *40 points*
3. Does the proposed project address the 2 locally identified resource concerns specified (Livestock Production Limitation & Degraded Plan Condition)?
40 points
4. Will the planned practices benefit multiple Species of Concern? *40 points*
5. Will the proposed project address resource concerns that will help land users to manage for drought situations (water development for livestock/wildlife)? *40 points*
6. Will the proposed project include implementation of a grazing management plan (Prescribed Grazing, complete with record keeping)?
40 points



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1. Will the proposed project result in implementation of all planned structural practices within 2 years of contract obligation and within 4 years for all management practices? *40 points*
2. ~~Will the practices to be implemented build upon practices already implemented through an approved conservation plan?~~ *40 points*
2. Will the practices to be implemented be part of an approved NRCS RMS Conservation Plan?
3. ~~Does the proposed project address the 2 locally identified resource concerns specified (Livestock Production Limitation & Degraded Plan Condition)?~~ *45 points*
3. How many of the 3 locally identified resource concerns specified does the proposed project(s) address (Inadequate Livestock Water Quantity, Plant Productivity and Health, Sheet and Rill Erosion)?
 - a. Addresses all 3 resource concerns *45 points*
 - b. Addresses 2 resource concerns *30 points*
 - c. Addresses 1 resource concern *15 points*
4. ~~Will the planned practices benefit multiple Species of Concern?~~ *45 points*
4. Will the proposed project address the resource concern – Terrestrial Habitat for Wildlife and Invertebrates?
 - a. Contracted conservation practices address available terrestrial wildlife habitat to improve the WHEG score by: > 0.3 *45 points*
 - b. Contracted conservation practices address available terrestrial wildlife habitat to improve the WHEG score by: 0.2 to 0.3 *30 points*
 - c. Contracted conservation practices address available terrestrial wildlife habitat to improve the WHEG score by: < 0.2 *15 points*
5. Will the proposed project address resource concerns that will help land users to manage for drought situations (water development for livestock/wildlife)? *40 points*
6. Will the proposed project include implementation of a grazing management plan which also includes a strategy for drought management (Prescribed Grazing, complete with record keeping)? *40 points*



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Crop/Irrigated Pasture Ranking Questions

(260 potential points)

1. The application will increase irrigation efficiency.
 - $>20\% = 40$ points
 - $10-20\% = 15$ points
 - $<10\% = 0$ points
2. Will the proposed project address three or more locally identified resource concerns?
40 points
3. Will the proposed project address the two locally identified resource concerns specified (Source Water Depletion and Soil Quality Limitations)? *30 points*
4. Will the proposed project result in implementation of all planned structural practices within 2 years of contract obligation and within 4 years for all management practices? *30 points*
5. Will the proposed project include a flow measuring device and irrigation water management?
30 points
6. Will Residue Management-Conservation tillage (30% or more crop residue left after planting) be contracted for at least 2 years? *30 points*
7. Will the practices to be implemented build upon practices already implemented through an approved conservation plan? *30 points*
8. Will the proposed plan include implementation of a nutrient management plan, complete with record keeping? *30 points*



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3. ~~Will the proposed project address the two locally identified resource concerns specified (Source Water Depletion and Soil Quality Limitations)?~~ *30 points*
3. How many of the 2 locally identified resource concerns specified does the proposed project(s) address (Source Water Depletion, Soil Quality Limitations)?
 - a. Addresses 2 resource concerns *40 points*
 - c. Addresses 1 resource concern *20 points*
4. Will the proposed project result in implementation of all planned structural practices within 2 years of contract obligation and within 4 years for all management practices? *30 points*
5. Will the proposed project include a flow measuring device and irrigation water management? *40 points*
6. ~~Will Residue Management Conservation tillage (30% or more crop residue left after planting) be contracted for at least 2 years?~~ *40 points*
6. Will implementation of the application cause the soil condition index to trend positive?
7. ~~Will the practices to be implemented build upon practices already implemented through an approved conservation plan?~~ *40 points*
7. Will the practices to be implemented be part of an approved NRCS RMS Conservation Plan?
8. Will the proposed plan include implementation of a nutrient management plan, complete with record keeping? *30 points*



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