

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary  
Forestland Environmental Concerns**

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| <b>Program:</b>  | <b>Ranking Date:</b> | <b>Application Number:</b> |
| <b>Ranking Tool:</b> Forestland Environmental Concerns |                      | <b>Applicant:</b>          |
| <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>                            |                      | <b>Address:</b>            |
| <b>Planner:</b>  | <b>Telephone:</b>    |                            |
| <b>Farm Location:</b>                                  |                      |                            |

**National Priorities Addressed**

| Issue Questions   | Responses   |
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| 1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

**State Issues Addressed**

| Issue Questions   | Responses   |
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| 1. Water Quality - Is the treatment area within a state listed impaired watershed and will it address the particular impairment? Yes = 100 Points   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Water Quality - Is the treatment area where practices in the application will be installed within a Public Water Supply Wellhead Protection Area? Yes = 75 Points  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. RMS Treatment Level - Will practices in this application complete a Resource Management System (RMS) on more than one land use? Yes = 100 Points.  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. RMS Treatment Level - Will practices in this application complete a Resource Management System (RMS) on one land use only? Yes = 75 Point  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Land Conservation - Is the treatment area in this application protected by a permanent easement? Yes = 100 Points  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Land Conservation - Is the treatment area in this application protected by a rental contract for 10 or more years, or an easement of 10 or more years that is not permanent? Yes = 75 Points   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Cultural Resources – Are specific practices, planned with a Cultural Resource Specialist, included in this application that will protect a known National Register of Historic Sites eligible cultural resource? Yes = 100 Points                  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Water Quantity - Was the land where practices in this application will be installed (treatment area) damaged by a severe storm event in the past 2 years and is EQIP the only federal assistance available to repair this damage? Yes = 100 Points | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Wildlife Habitat – Will federal and state listed T&E species be protected and habitat improved by practices in this application? Yes = 100 Points  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. Water Quality – Will direct discharge of sediment into surface waters be controlled by practices in this application? Yes = 25 Points   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 11. Water Quality – Does the application include conservation buffers that are greater than 35 feet in width? Yes = 25 Points   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. Water Quality – Does the application include conservation buffers that are 15 feet to 34 feet in width? Yes =   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| 20 Point  |   |
| 13. Water Quality - Does the application include conservation buffers on a public water supply or impaired water? Yes = 25 Points   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 14. Water Quality - Does the application include a Riparian Forest Buffer? Yes = 25 Points  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 15. Plant Condition – Is the Pest Management practice included in this application for control of invasive plant species? Yes = 25 Points   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 16. Wildlife Habitat – Does the application include the Upland/Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management practice and at least one other practice that will improve wildlife habitat on the treatment area? Yes = 25 Points                                 | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 17. Wildlife Habitat – Will all practices in this application be installed without impacting wetlands? Yes = 25 Points  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 18. Air Quality – Is the Windbreak/Shelterbelt practice included in this application to trap dust and aerosols? Yes = 25 Points   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 19. Soil Erosion - Will tons of soil being controlled on existing roads, trails, and landings be greater than 21 Tons/Ac? Yes = 50 Points   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 20. Soil Erosion - Will tons of soil being controlled on existing roads, trails, and landings be less than 21 Tons/Ac? Yes = 30 Points<br>Soil Erosion – Will conservation practices in this application save 4 to 12 Tons Soil/Acre? Yes = 30 Points | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

**Local Issues Addressed**

| Issue Questions   | Responses   |
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| 1. Forest Health - Will conservation practices in the application be installed to implement an existing forest management plan that meets NH Forest Stewardship Program plan requirements? Yes= 200 points.   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Forest Health – Does the applicant have an existing forest management plan for the treatment area that meets NH Forest Stewardship Program plan requirements and that was reviewed and approved by a UNH Cooperative Extension forester less than 10 years ago? Yes = 75 points. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Forest Health - Is the applicant applying for the Prescribed Forestry (Forest Management Plan) practice? Yes = 25 points.  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Water Quality – Does the application include practices to stabilize all existing roads, trails, and landings on the treatment unit? Yes = 75 points  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Water Quality – Does the application include all planned water control structures? Yes = 50 points   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Plant Condition - Does the application include the forest stand improvement practice and will sapling sized stands (stands less than 5 inches in diameter) be thinned to improve forest health? Yes = 25 points.   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Plant Condition - Does the application include the forest stand improvement practice and will pole sized stands (stands greater than 5 inches in diameter) be thinned to improve forest health? Yes = 20 points.   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Plant Condition – Does the application include the Site Preparation practice planned to encourage natural regeneration? Yes = 20 points.   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Plant Condition – Does the application include tree planting to reinforce natural regeneration? Yes = 10 points  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

**Land Use:**

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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**Ranking Score**

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| Efficiency:                 |
| Local Issues:               |
| State Issues:               |
| National Issues:            |
| <b>Final Ranking Score:</b> |

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.

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| <b>NRCS Representative:</b> | <b>Applicant Signature Required for Contract Development:</b> |
| <b>Signature Date:</b>      | <b>Signature Date:</b>  |