

## CONNECTING LOCAL WORKING GROUP PRIORITIES TO THE STATE RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

WA Resource Concern Priority	SRA (Aug 11) Page		CROP	PASTURE	FOREST	RANGE	OTHER
1	10	<b>SOIL EROSION,</b> Sheet, rill, wind erosion	X				
2	16	<b>WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION,</b> Excessive sediment in surface water	X		X		X
3	22	<b>WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION,</b> Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters	X	X			X
4	28	<b>DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION,</b> Undesirable plant productivity and health		X	X	X	
5	34	<b>INSUFFICIENT WATER,</b> Inefficient use of irrigation water	X	X			
6	38	<b>INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE,</b> Habitat degradation		X	X	X	X
7	46	<b>DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION,</b> Excessive plant pest pressure			X	X	X
8	52	<b>WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION,</b> Excess pathogens & chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications					X
9	54	<b>WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION,</b> Pesticides transported to surface and ground waters	X				
10	56	<b>DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION,</b> Wildfire hazard, excessive biomass accumulation			X		

1. All States in NRCS were required to conduct a State Resource Assessment (SRA) to serve as the basis for resource-based planning, workforce planning, and budget and allocation formulation for 2012 through 2015. NRCS National Headquarters required ranking of resource concerns for each land use, and limited states to 5 priorities per land use (shown in table above).
2. The 2011 SRA incorporates and aggregates Local Working Group (LWG) and State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) input from last couple of years.
3. Further refinement is necessary because NRCS cannot treat all acreage identified as “priority treatment acres” in one year, and thus requests input from the LWGs and STAC. The input we are seeking is for program year 2013. LWG packages must be submitted to the State Office no later than May 18, 2012.
4. There are two state and national initiatives that were prioritized and incorporated into our State Resource Assessment; namely 1) The Puget Sound Landscape Initiative; and 2) the natural resource concern Energy – Inefficient Energy Use.