



LOCAL WORKING GROUP REPORT FY 2013

LWG Name: North East

Over-All Objective:

The primary goal of the Northeast LWG is to provide access to technical and financial assistance aimed at solving high priority natural resource problems and to assist landowners in complying with natural resource laws and regulations effecting their agricultural and non-industrial private forestland operations. To that end a list of priority resource concerns on all land uses has been identified. Ranking criteria questions for each resource concern have been formulated to identify and prioritize the most critical concerns and treatment strategies as well as targeting priority hydrologic unit areas. A list of eligible practices from the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, and cost sharing assistance hold down rates for these practices, has been developed to address these resource concerns.

LWG Priorities:

| Land Use | Resource Concern | % Local Funding Allocation | Res Con % | Land use % |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 Crop | SOIL EROSION - Sheet, Rill & Wind | 4% | 0.17 | |
| 2 Crop | WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive Sediment | 6% | 0.25 | |
| 3 Crop | INSUFFICIENT WATER - Inefficient Use of Irrigation | 15% | 0.58 | 0.25 |
| 4 Forest | DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable Plant | 9% | 0.27 | |
| 5 Forest | DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Excessive Plant Pest | 7% | 0.19 | |
| 6 Forest | DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Wildfire Hazard, | 7% | 0.19 | |
| 7 Forest | WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive Sediment | 7% | 0.198 | |
| 8 Forest | INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH & WILDLIFE - | 5% | 0.152 | 0.35 |
| 9 Other Associated Ag Land | WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess Pathogens & Chemicals from Manure, Biosolids or Compost Applications | 10% | 1 | 0.1 |
| 10 Pasture | DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable Plant | 2% | 0.483 | |
| 11 Pasture | WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess Nutrients in | 1% | 0.287 | |
| 12 Pasture | INSUFFICIENT WATER - Inefficient Use of Irrigation | 1% | 0.23 | 0.05 |
| 13 Range | DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable Plant | 7% | 0.344 | |
| 14 Range | DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Excessive Plant Pest | 5% | 0.265 | |
| 15 Range | INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH & WILDLIFE - | 8% | 0.391 | 0.2 |
| 16 Initiatives | WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive Sediment | 5% | 1 | 0.05 |
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| 20 | | | | |
| Total | | 100% | | 1.00 |

North East Cropland Resource Concern

Priority Resource Concern # 1:

SOIL EROSION - Sheet, rill & wind

Recommended Programs to Address Resource Concern

Program

EQIP - Environmental Quality Incentives Program

CSP - Conservation Stewardship Program

Percent Funding Allocated for this Resource Concern:

17.0%

Practices to Address this Resource Concern

| Practice | Hold-Down |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| CONSERVATION COVER (327) | \$15,000 |
| CRITICAL AREA PLANTING (342) | \$10,000 |
| FORAGE AND BIOMASS PLANTING (512) | \$15,000 |
| RESIDUE and TILLAGE MANAGEMENT, No | \$10,000 |
| TREE/SHRUB ESTABLISHMENT (612) | \$35,000 |
| TREE/SHRUB SITE PREPARATION (490) | \$50,000 |
| MULCHING (484) | \$35,000 |
| HERBACEOUS WEED CONTROL (315) | \$10,000 |
| COVER CROP (340) | \$5,000 |

| Practice | Hold-Down |
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FY 13 Estimated Acres:

700

Targeted 12 Digit HUCs (If Any)

| HUC Name | HUC Code |
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Ranking Question(s):

| Question | Points |
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| Will a direct seed or no-till cropping system be adopted on the entire planning unit to reduce erosion? | 25 |
| Will erosion be solved by seeding or planting at least 10% of the most erosive land within the planning unit to permanent cover? | 25 |
| Is the planning unit located within a priority 12 digit HUC? | n/a |

North East Cropland Resource Concern

WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive
sediment in surface waters

Priority Resource Concern # 2:

Recommended Programs to Address Resource Concern

Program

EQIP - Environmental Quality Incentives Program

CSP - Conservation Stewardship Program

Percent Funding Allocated for this Resource Concern:

25.0%

Practices to Addresses this Resource Concern

| Practice | Hold-Down |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| DIVERSION (362) | \$25,000 |
| TERRACE (600) | \$10,000 |
| GRADE STABILIZATION STRUCTURE (410) | \$25,000 |
| GRASSED WATERWAY (412) | \$25,000 |
| SEDIMENT BASIN (350) | \$25,000 |
| FILTER STRIP (393) | \$5,000 |
| HEDGEROW PLANTING (422) | \$5,000 |
| RIPARIAN FOREST BUFFER (391) | \$25,000 |
| MULCHING (484) | \$35,000 |
| TREE/SHRUB ESTABLISHMENT (612) | \$35,000 |
| TREE/SHRUB SITE PREPARATION (490) | \$50,000 |

| Practice | Hold-Down |
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| STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE | \$50,000.00 |
| HERBACEOUS WEED CONTROL | \$10,000.00 |
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FY 13 Estimated Acres:

100

Targeted 12 Digit HUCs (If Any)

| HUC Name | HUC Code |
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Ranking Question(s):

| Question | Points |
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| Will practices be applied to land adjacent to an intermittent or perennial stream to treat a water quality concern that originates on the planning unit? | 25 |
| Will erosion be solved by seeding or planting at least 10% of the most erosive land within the planning unit to permanent cover? | 50 |
| Is the planning unit located within a priority 12 digit HUC? | n/a |

North East Cropland Resource Concern

INSUFFICIENT WATER - Inefficient use of
Irrigation Water

Priority Resource Concern # 3:

Recommended Programs to Address Resource Concern

Program

EQIP - Environmental Quality Incentives Program

CSP - Conservation Stewardship Program

Percent Funding Allocated for this Resource Concern:

58.0%

Practices to Address this Resource Concern

| Practice | Hold-Down |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| IRRIGATION PIPELINE (430) | \$50,000 |
| IRRIGATION SYSTEM, MICROIRRIGATION | \$50,000 |
| IRRIGATION SYSTEM, SPRINKLER (442) | \$50,000 |
| IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT (449) | \$10,000 |
| IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT CAP | \$2,500 |
| PUMPING PLANT (533) | \$25,000 |
| POND SEALING OR LINING, BENTONITE | \$50,000 |
| POND SEALING OR LINING, FLEXIBLE ME | \$25,000 |
| WINDBREAK/SHELTERBELT ESTABLISHM | \$5,000 |

| Practice | Hold-Down |
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FY 13 Estimated Acres:

600

Targeted 12 Digit HUCs (If Any)

| HUC Name | HUC Code |
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| Mill Creek, Stevens County | 170200030301 |
| Mill Creek, Stevens County | 170200030302 |
| Mill Creek, Stevens County | 170200030303 |
| Mill Creek, Stevens County | 170200030304 |
| Upper San Poil, Ferry County | 170200040101 |
| Upper San Poil, Ferry County | 170200040102 |
| Upper San Poil, Ferry County | 170200040103 |
| Upper San Poil, Ferry County | 170200040104 |
| Upper San Poil, Ferry County | 170200040105 |
| Upper San Poil, Ferry County | 170200040106 |
| Upper San Poil, Ferry County | 170200040107 |
| Upper San Poil, Ferry County | 170200040108 |
| Tacoma Creek, Pend Oreille County | 170102160103 |
| Tacoma Creek, Pend Oreille County | 170102160104 |
| Tacoma Creek, Pend Oreille County | 170102160105 |
| Tacoma Creek, Pend Oreille County | 170102160101 |
| Tacoma Creek, Pend Oreille County | 170102160108 |
| Tacoma Creek, Pend Oreille County | 170102160111 |

Ranking Question(s):

| Question | Points |
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| Will irrigation efficiency on an existing system be increased by at least 10%? | 100 |

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| Will a water use-meter be installed under practice 449-Irrigation water Management to document actual irrigation water used after irrigation efficiency measures are implemented? (must have answered "Yes" to question above) | 25 |
| Is the planning unit located within a priority 12 digit HUC? | 50 |

West Area WHIP Justification and Focus Species/Habitats
 Sign up will be run by Team, with ranking sheets tailored for each team. Will ensure workload is spread across the area.

SW Team

| Priority Species | Habitat Type | Potential Counties | Core Practices | Funding Need | Notes |
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| Columbian White-tailed Deer | Shrub/Scrub Forested Riparian and Wetland | Wahkiakum | 315, 645, 644, 734 | \$35,000 | Benefits Listed Lower Col Salmonid also |
| Marbled Murrelet | Un-even aged forest transitioning back to Old Growth | Wahkiakum, Skamania | 612, 734, 645, 314, 315, 391, 666, 490 | \$66,000 | |
| Roosevelt Elk | Early successional grassland | Cowlitz, Pacific | 490, 612, 647, 382, 500 | \$7,000 | Cowlitz: Broom removal, fertilizer; Pacific: retrofit existing fences with smoothwire electric, visual screen to protect herd |
| Native Pollinators | Hedgerows | Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific | 422, 490, 612 | \$25,000 | |
| Roosevelt Elk | Coastal Wet Prairie | Grays Harbor | 666, 314, 315, 327 | \$25,000 | Big Game |
| SW Team Total | | | \$158,000 | | ~10-12 Contracts |

Puget Sound Team

| Priority Species | Habitat Type | Potential Counties | Core Practices | Funding Need | Notes |
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| Mazama Pocket Gopher, Taylor's Checkerspot, Streaked Horned Lark | Prairie/Native Grassland | Thurston, Pierce | 645, 314, 315, 528, 734, 666 | \$30,000 | Broom, blackberry, conifer and other Invasive plant control, native forb/seedling, deferred grazing during bloom season |
| Western Bluebird | Oak Woodland | Thurston, Pierce | 645, 314, 315, 666, 734 | \$20,000 | Broom control, conifer removal, snag creation, nest boxes |
| PS Team Total | | | \$50,000 | | ~4-5 contracts? |

NW Team

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| Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly | Prairie/Native Grassland | Island, San Juan, Clallam | 645, 314, 315, 528, 734, 666 | \$60,000 | Broom, blackberry, conifer and other Invasive plant control, native forb/seedling, deferred grazing during bloom season |
| Western Bluebird | Oak Woodland | Island, San Juan, Clallam | 645, 314, 315, 666, 734 | \$2,000 | Broom control, conifer removal, snag creation, nest boxes |
| Migratory Shorebirds | Seasonal Mudflat/Emergent Wetland | Skagit, Snohomish | 646, 644 | \$50,000 | Seasonal Flooded Crop and Grassland |
| NW Team Total | | | \$112,000 | | ~4-5 contracts |
| Total Fund Request | | | \$320,000 | | ~16-20 contracts |

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STAC Program Report FY 13

Working Lands for Wildlife FY 13 (WHIP)

- Requested funding of \$320,000 in May
- Funding for west side counties only to treat wildlife habitat see handout
- STAC input has been available in past for National Program

EASEMENT Program FY 13

WRP

- Funds will be obligated of approximately \$2.8 million for restoration activities of existing easements and cost share agreements,
- Hoping to acquire 1 or 2 easements for a cost of approximately \$300,000 (100 acres)
- STAC input needed to approve FY 14 GARCS

GRP

- Requested \$2.4 million for easement acquisitions to support the Pocket Gopher around joint base Lewis-McChord
- STAC input needed to approve FY 14 GARCS

FRPP

- Funds will be obligated of approximately \$3.7 million 5 counties across the state
- STAC input needed to help in determine priority areas process for funding
- STAC input needed to help in reviewing and fine tuning ranking questions for evaluating FY 14 applications

How would STAC members like to provide input where available for FAPD and Easement programs?