Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Buena Vista Forestry

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: Buena Vista Forestry		**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 O or No O
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes O or No O
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes O or No O
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes O or No O
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes O or No O
3. c.Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes O or No O
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes O or No O
4. c.Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes O or No O
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
5. b.Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes O or No O
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes O or No O
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes O or No O

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes O or No O
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the "EQIP Plan of Operations" result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the implementation of prescribe burning, tree and shrub establishment, tree and shrub preparation, herbaceous weed control, or conservation cover in this application result in an improvement of plant condition favoring a native plant community on forestry cut-over sites?	Yes O or No O
2. In addition to one core practice will at least one supporting practice in this application result in an improvement of plant condition favoring a native plant community on forestry cut-over sites?	Yes O or No O
3. Does this application include prescribed burning, herbaceous weed control, forest stand improvement (thinning), firebreaks or control of invasive and/or exotic plants on forest stand greater than 6 inches in diameter at beast height (DBH) and 45 feet tall to improve degraded plant conditions?	Yes O or No O
4. In addition to one core practice will at least one supporting practice in this application result in an improvement of forest stands greater than 6 inches in diameter at beast height (DBH) and 45 feet tall to improve degraded plant conditions?	Yes O or No O
5. Will the installed following conservation practices: conservation cover, prescribed burning, tree and shrub planting or forest stand improvement practices benefit wildlife species and habitat of priority conservation concerns defined in the Georgia State Wildlife Action Plan?	Yes O or No O
6. Does this application include forest trails and landings, tree and shrub establishment, conservation cover, or critical area planting to reduce soil erosion and improvement of soil quality on existing forest stand or cutover forested sites?	Yes O or No O
7. Will forest trails and landings, tree and shrub establishment, conservation cover, stream crossing or critical area planting be installed to improve water quality degradation and comply with Georgia Best Management Practices Manual for protection of water quality?	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will you plant longleaf pine?	Yes O or No O
2. Will you plant loblolly or slash pine?	Yes O or No O
3. Will you implement prescribed burning on Forestland?	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

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:**