

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

WHIP General FA 11 Long Leaf Pine Initiative

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: WHIP General FA 11 Long Leaf Pine Initiative	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will this application contain at least one (1) practice that directly benefits threatened and endangered or at-risk wildlife species (plant or animal) as identified by NRCS, South Carolina DNR, the US Fish and Wildlife Service or NOAA Fisheries?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will this application contain practices that address the control or eradication of invasive plant species as identified on the list of "Major Invasive Species of Concern in South Carolina" found on the EFOTG, Section 1, General Resources, Section C, Reference List?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will this application result in a basal area of less than 60 square feet per acre on all of the forested acres in the proposed contract? (Answer YES if land is already thinned to less than 60).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the management of the land identified in this application encourage the sustainability of a natural predator/prey balance which promotes diverse wildlife habitat and species richness typically found in South Carolina?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the SC Wildlife Habitat Index for this application reflect a habitat net effect benefit of greater than .50? (Planned index value – Existing index value)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. Does this application pertain to land within the South Carolina Longleaf Pine Priority Area (MLRA's 137, 133A, 153A, and 153B) and contain greater than 50% Tier 1 Highly Suitable longleaf soils?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the application contain all of the following core conservation practices for the Longleaf Pine Initiative: Forest Stand Improvement, Prescribed Burning, Restoration and Mgmt of Rare and Declining Habitat, and Tree and Shrub Establishment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does this application pertain to land that is contiguous to a permanently protected area such as a National Forest, National Wildlife Refuge, State Forest, Heritage Preserve, or land protected by a perpetual conservation easement (e.g. WRP, FRPP, GRP, TNC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Has a federally listed T/E species been identified on the land offered in this application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Are the offered acres currently enrolled in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Safe Harbor Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Has a federally listed T/E species been identified on land immediately adjacent to the offered land in this application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. By funding this application, will the activities in the contract result in the restoration of historic longleaf pine-savannah habitat (greater than 75% of the offered acres) within the South Carolina Longleaf Pine Priority Area? (e.g. removal of loblolly pines, restoration of cropland or pastureland)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Do greater than 75% of the offered acres in this application currently contain longleaf pine trees but are in need of improvement because they lack a native herbaceous understory community?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Is the applicant willing to execute a prescribed burning regime on the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Do greater than 75% of the offered acres in this application currently contain Longleaf Pine-Savannah habitat with a basal area of less than 60 and are in need of maintenance practices? (e.g. Prescribed Burning, pest management, or Forest Stand Improvement)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

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

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:

<p>NRCS Representative:</p> <p>Signature Date:</p>	<p>Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</p> <p>Signature Date:</p>
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