

# Ranking Tool Summary

## for FY2007 - WHIP

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### Description:

### Land Uses:

Crop, Forest, Hay, Headquarters, Native/Naturalized Pasture, Natural Area, Pasture, Recreation, Water, Watershed Protection, Wildlife

### Efficiency Score:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.00

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 100 - 50	Medium: 49 - 25	Low: 24 - 0
The application addresses most issues and priorities.	The application addresses some issues and priorities.	The application addresses few issues and priorities.

### National Priorities:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.00

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 100 - 80	Medium: 79 - 40	Low: 39 - 20
The application addresses at least four national priorities.	The application addresses two or three national priorities.	The application addresses one national priority.

### Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the restoration of declining or important native wildlife habitats?	20
2	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for at-risk species which can include candidate species and State listed threatened and endangered species?	20

3	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for Federally listed threatened and endangered wildlife species?	20
4	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the reduction of invasive species on wildlife habitats?	20
5	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of declining or important aquatic wildlife species' habitats?	20
	Total Points	100

**State Issues:**

Scoring Multiplier: 2.00

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 100 - 50	Medium: 49 - 15	Low: 14 - 5
The application earns at least fifty percent of total available points for state issues.	The application earns fifteen to forty-nine percent of total available points for state issues.	The application earns five to fifteen percent of total available points for state issues.

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	Is the proposed contract targeted to improving habitat for threatened and endangered species?	50
2	Is the proposed contract targeted to improving habitat for aquatic or riparian species?	25
3	Is the proposed contract targeted to improving habitat for upland wildlife?	15
4	Does the proposed contract contain measures to control invasive species which degrade wildlife habitat?.	10
	Total Points	100

**Local Issues:**

Scoring Multiplier: 1.00

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 80 - 50	Medium: 49 - 21	Low: 20 - 10
The application addresses at least five local issues.	The application addresses three or four local resource issues.	The application addresses one or two local resource issues.

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	Is the land ownership "private"?	10
2	Is the land being offered for contract coverage covered by an existing wildlife management plan for the species ranked in the application?	10
3	Are the proposed contract items targeted to a specific wildlife species rather than "General Wildlife"?	10
4	Does the contract acreage equal or exceed the home range of the targeted species?	10
5	Does the proposed contract include practices designed to create early successional habitat?	10
6	Is the establishment of native, warm season species included in the proposed contract?	10
7	Is or will livestock be excluded from the land being submitted for contract?	10
8	Does the proposed contract acreage support an existing breeding population of the targeted species?	10
	Total Points	80

**Selected Resource Concerns and Practices:**

## Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation

- Field Border (386)
- Hedgerow Planting (422)
- Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Use Exclusion (472)
- Wetland Restoration (657)
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

## Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter

- Channel Bank Vegetation (322)
- Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
- Cover Crop (340)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
- Field Border (386)
- Filter Strip (393)
- Fishpond Management (399)
- Forage Harvest Management (511)
- Forest Slash Treatment (384)
- Forest Stand Improvement (666)
- Hedgerow Planting (422)
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512)
- Residue Management, Seasonal (344)
- Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646)
- Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Use Exclusion (472)
- Wetland Restoration (657)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

## Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food

- Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
- Cover Crop (340)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)

Field Border (386)  
Filter Strip (393)  
Fishpond Management (399)  
Forage Harvest Management (511)  
Forest Stand Improvement (666)  
Forest Trails and Landings (655)  
Hedgerow Planting (422)  
Pasture and Hay Planting (512)  
Residue Management, Seasonal (344)  
Restoration and Management of Declining (643)  
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)  
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)  
Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646)  
Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)  
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)  
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)  
Use Exclusion (472)  
Wetland Restoration (657)  
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)  
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

#### Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water

Fishpond Management (399)  
Pest Management (595)  
Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646)  
Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)  
Watering Facility (614)  
Wetland Restoration (657)  
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)  
Wildlife Watering Facility (648)

#### Fish and Wildlife: T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern

Filter Strip (393)  
Forage Harvest Management (511)  
Pest Management (595)  
Residue Management, Seasonal (344)  
Restoration and Management of Declining (643)  
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)  
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)  
Shallow Water Management for Wildlige (646)  
Stream Crossing (578)  
Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)  
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)  
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)  
Use Exclusion (472)

Wetland Restoration (657)

Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)

Fish and Wildlife: Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife Species

Pest Management (595)

Restoration and Management of Declining (643)

Riparian Forest Buffer (391)

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)

Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646)

Stream Crossing (578)

Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395)

Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)

Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)

Use Exclusion (472)

Wetland Restoration (657)

Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)

Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants

Brush Management (314)

Channel Bank Vegetation (322)

Conservation Crop Rotation (328)

Critical Area Planting (342)

Forage Harvest Management (511)

Forest Stand Improvement (666)

Pasture and Hay Planting (512)

Pest Management (595)

Residue Mgmt, Mulch Till (345)

Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S (329)

Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited

Brush Management (314)

Critical Area Planting (342)

Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)

Forage Harvest Management (511)

Forest Stand Improvement (666)

Pasture and Hay Planting (512)

Pest Management (595)

Recreation Area Improvement (562)

Riparian Forest Buffer (391)

Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)

Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)

Use Exclusion (472)

Wetland Restoration (657)

Plant Condition: T&E Plant Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern

Restoration and Management of Declining (643)

Riparian Forest Buffer (391)

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)  
Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646)  
Stream Crossing (578)  
Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)  
Use Exclusion (472)  
Wetland Restoration (657)

Plant Condition: Threatened and Endangered Plant Species

Restoration and Management of Declining (643)  
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)  
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)  
Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646)  
Stream Crossing (578)  
Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)  
Use Exclusion (472)  
Wetland Restoration (657)

Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water

Cover Crop (340)  
Critical Area Planting (342)  
Field Border (386)  
Filter Strip (393)  
Forage Harvest Management (511)  
Heavy Use Area Protection (561)  
Pasture and Hay Planting (512)  
Residue Mgmt, Mulch Till (345)  
Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S (329)  
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)  
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)  
Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646)  
Spring Development (574)  
Stream Crossing (578)  
Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)  
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)  
Stripcropping (585)  
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)  
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)  
Use Exclusion (472)  
Wetland Restoration (657)

Water Quality: Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water

Cover Crop (340)  
Critical Area Planting (342)  
Field Border (386)  
Filter Strip (393)  
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)

- Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512)
- Recreation Area Improvement (562)
- Residue Mgmt, Mulch Till (345)
- Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S (329)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Stream Crossing (578)
- Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)
- Stripcropping (585)
- Structure for Water Control (587)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
- Use Exclusion (472)
- Wetland Restoration (657)

#### Water Quality: Harmful Levels of Heavy Metals in Surface Water

- Cover Crop (340)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Field Border (386)
- Filter Strip (393)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (646)
- Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
- Wetland Restoration (657)

#### Water Quantity: Reduced Capacity of Conveyances by Sediment Deposition

- Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
- Contour Buffer Strips (332)
- Contour Farming (330)
- Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area (331)
- Cover Crop (340)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Diversion (362)
- Filter Strip (393)
- Forest Trails and Landings (655)
- Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
- Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
- Pond (378)
- Recreation Trail and Walkway (568)
- Residue Management, Seasonal (344)
- Residue Mgmt, Mulch Till (345)

Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S (329)  
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)  
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)  
Stream Crossing (578)  
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)  
Stripcropping (585)  
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)  
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)  
Use Exclusion (472)  
Water Well (642)  
Watering Facility (614)  
Wetland Restoration (657)