

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Meeker District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

1. Water Resource Protection
2. Erosion Control
3. Grazing
4. Wildlife Habitat
5. Forest Management
6. Air Quality

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

No Priority areas to be identified at this time. Every watershed and sub-watershed has problems and projects that meet priority objectives.

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

First Priority	WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION
Second Priority	Erosion Control
Third Priority	Grazing
Fourth Priority	Wildlife Habitat
Fifth Priority	Forest Management
Sixth Priority	Air Quality

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

1. NON-POINT POLLUTION- Is Existing FLEVAL 1 or more? 5 points
2. NON-POINT POLLUTION- Is Existing FLEVAL 10 or more? 5 points
3. NON-POINT POLLUTION- Is Existing FLEVAL 25 or more? 7 points
4. NON-POINT POLLUTION- Will proposed practice reduce Nutrients from leaving the site? 5 points
5. NON-POINT POLLUTION- Will proposed practice reduce Sediment from leaving site? 5 points
6. SOIL EROSION- Is existing soil loss over 1 ton/acre/year on fields where soil erosion is being addressed? 5 points
7. SOIL EROSION- Is existing soil loss over 5 tons/acre/year on fields where soil erosion is being addressed? 7 points
8. GRAZING SYSTEMS- Will the new grazing system have a minimum of 6 paddocks per heard grazed? 10 points
9. WILDLIFE HABITAT/FORESTRY- Does the project to improve habitat include one of the following practices: 327, 338, 380, 391, 395, 612, 643, 644, 645, 647, 657 or 666? 10 points

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

1. 5 points
2. 5 points
3. 7 points
4. 5 points
5. 5 points
6. 5 points
7. 7 points
8. 10 points
9. 10 points

6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

None

Attendance:

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The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group Date