Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Pine Soil and Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

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

Soil Erosion
Water Quality
Wildlife Habitat Management
Forest Management

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

Grindstone River Watershed – soil erosion and water quality concerns.
Grindstone Lake Watershed – soil erosion and water quality concerns.
Cross Lake and Pokegama Lake Watersheds – soil erosion and water quality concerns.
Royalton Township – forestry concerns.
Sharp-tailed Grouse Leks Within Pine County – wildlife habitat concerns.

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.

Soil erosion & water quality issues in the Grindstone Lake & River watersheds.
Soil erosion & water quality issues in the Cross & Pokegama Lake watersheds.
Applicants in Royalton Township applying forest management practices.
Recommended wildlife management practices within a two mile radius of sharp-tailed grouse leks.
Applicants within Pine County applying pest management for buckthorn and knapweed.

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.

Soil Erosion – the applicant will install practices to reduce soil erosion to T or less within the Grindstone Lake, Grindstone River, Cross Lake or Pokegama Lake watersheds. 10 points
Water Quality – the applicant will install practices to address water quality concerns within the Grindstone Lake, Grindstone River, Cross Lake ~~and~~ or Pokegama Lake watersheds. 14 points
Forestry – the applicant will apply forest management practices located in Royalton Township. 8 points
Forestry – the applicant will implement a detailed pest mgt. plan to control buckthorn and knapweed. 8 points
Wildlife Habitat – the applicant will install wildlife habitat practices recommended for sharp-tailed grouse within a two mile radius of a know lek. 6 points
Wildlife Habitat – the applicant will apply wildlife habitat practices. 2 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.**

The local issue questions equal 48 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

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 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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