



2022 Local Work Group Recommendations

Submit one worksheet per LWG

-----PLEASE RESPOND BY NOVEMBER 12TH, 2021-----

Local Work Group (LWG) Information

Districts: Team 9, Peaks to Craters

LWG Chairperson: Randy Purser, Butte SWCD

Meeting Date: August 19th, 2021

Minutes from the meeting(s) – please attach a copy of the minutes and an attendance sheet when submitting recommendations

Provide the following recommendations for your local working group:

EQIP Priority Resource Concerns

Your priority resource concerns will be used in the EQIP screening and ranking process to determine the highest priority applications and which high priority applications will be ranked and funded first. If funds remain after high priority applications have been selected for funding medium priority applications may be considered.

Priority	Resource Concern
1	Inefficient irrigation water use
2	Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities
3	Soil: Aggregate instability
4	Bank erosion from streams, shorelines, or conveyance channels
5	Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates
6	Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution
7	Plant productivity and health



Recommendation for Distribution of LWG funds

Each LWG will receive an FY20 EQIP allocation. Identify how you would like LWG funds to be divided into categories. An EQIP application will be ranked against other applications in the same category for funding. Funds will be distributed among your selected categories within your LWG ranking pool according to your recommendations. For example, you could identify categories by land use, geographic area, or resource priority.

LWG Ranking Pool Category	Percentage of LWG Funding (0-100%)
Special/Group Projects	45%
Irrigated Cropland	20%
Rangeland and pasture	20%
Wildlife Habitat	5%
Seasonal High Tunnels	10%
Total	100%

Priority for Reallocation of Funds

If applications within a ranking pool category do not utilize the funds allocated, indicate the recommended order in which excess funds should be reallocated.

Priority	LWG ranking pool category
1	Special/Group Projects
2	Irrigated Cropland
3	Rangeland
4	Irrigated Pasture
5	Wildlife Habitat
6	Seasonal High Tunnel



EQIP Local Ranking

For each LWG ranking pool category develop up to five qualities of a project aht should cause it to rank higher (e.g. certain practices will be applied, certain resource concerns will be addressed, or condidion or qualities of the field make it a higher priority).

	LWG Ranking Pool Category	List desired qualties of a priority project
1	Special/Group Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to be selected per outreach request
2	Irrigated Cropland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source water protection, ground and surface • Energy efficiency • Irrigation efficiency • Soil health
3	Rangeland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockwater system • Plant productivity and health • Pests/invasive species • Riparian quality and livestock access to surface water
4	Irrigated Pasture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source water protection, ground and surface • Plant productivity and health • Stockwater systems • Pests • Riparian quality and livestock access to surface water
5	Wildlife Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank stabilization • Terrestrial habitat, quality and quantity • Aquatic habitat • Barriers to wildlife • Pests/invasive species
6	Seasonal High Tunnels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant productivity and health



Signatures

Chairman of Butte SWCD: Randy Pinner Date: 12/14/21

Chairman of Blaine SCD: _____ Date: _____

NRCS Team Lead: _____ Date: _____

Area Conservationist: _____ Date: _____