

2017 SGI Ranking

FY 2017 SGI Ranking - Rangeland	
STATE QUESTIONS	(must hit at least 250 out of 400 points)
1. Habitat Priority (must be within 3 miles of a lek)	
a. PAC area	200 points
b. 25% dispersed area	50 points
c. Other lands	0 points
2. Habitat quality (pick dominant situation)	
a. Good quality habitat on 60%+ of planning area (see below examples)	100 points
i. Sagebrush-native bunchgrass, native bunchgrass-native forb	
ii. Expired CRP w/ 50-point stand	
b. Good quality habitat on 30-59% of planning area	50 points
i. See a. i. and a. ii. above (sagebrush, native bunchgrass, native forb)	
c. Seeded pasture w/ introduced bunchgrass	50 points
d. Land dominated by annuals or bulbous bluegrass	0 points
e. Good quality habitat on less than 30% of planning area	0 points
3. Percent of threats addressed (See SGI Threats Checklist)	(100 points max)
f. 100%	100 points
g. 75%-99%	75 points
h. 50%-74%	50 points
i. 49% or less	0 points
LOCAL QUESTIONS	(must hit at least 200 out of 375 points)
1. Distance to lek	(pick one)
a. Within 3 miles	100 points
b. 3-10 miles	50 points
c. > 10 miles	0 points
2. Threat: lack of nesting cover / improper grazing	(pick one)
a. Rest-Defer /nesting cover option (native bunchgrasses only)	100 points
b. Plant health option (native bunchgrasses only)	50 points
c. Unable to implement either grazing option	0 points
3. Threat: poor quality habitat	(100 points max)
a. Seeding ranchland	100 points
b. Seeding expired CRP	100 points
c. Planting sagebrush	50 points
Note: must seed native species. Sagebrush planting applicable when missing from landscape.	
4. Threat: predation & other hazards	(50 pts. max)
d. Obstruction removal including fences	50 points
e. Marking fences	50 points
f. Other threats (escape ramps on existing troughs)	25 points

FY 2017 SGI Ranking – Cropland	
STATE QUESTIONS	(must hit at least 250 out of 400 points)
1. Habitat Priority (must be within 3 miles of a lek)	(200 points max)
a. PAC area	200 points
b. Other lands	0 points
2. Habitat quality	(pick dominant situation)
j. Planning unit adjacent to good quality habitat	100 points
Example of quality habitat listed below	
i. Sagebrush-native bunchgrass, native bunchgrass-native forb	
ii. Expired CRP w/ 50-point stand	
k. Planning unit not adjacent to good quality habitat	0 points
3. Percent of threats addressed	(100 points max)
l. 100%	100 points
m. 75%-99%	75 points
n. 50%-74%	50 points
o. 49% or less	0 points
LOCAL QUESTIONS	(must hit at least 200 out of 375 points)
1. Threat: poor quality habitat	(100 points max)
p. Converting cropland to conservation cover (327) or similar practice (such as 390, 332, 386)	100 points
q. Cover crop (340) with 8 species minimum with 8 weeks to termination	75 points
r. Forage and biomass planting (512)	50 points
2. Landscape Threats:	(100 pts. max)
s. Obstruction removal (500) including fences	75 points
t. Marking fences	25 points
3. Wildlife Monitoring	
u. Monitor for sage grouse and wildlife sign	25 points

NRCS – WA 2017 SGI Practice Hold-Downs (EQIP / WLFW)

Note: hold-down changes for 2016 in **bold**

Practice	Current Hold-Down	Payment Rate (FY15)	Practice Scenario
*315 Herbaceous Weed Control	\$10,000	\$193/ac \$33.33/ac	Spot treatment High cost chemical
382 Fence	\$65,000 Almost 3 mi. based on 2015 prices	\$4.11/ft. \$5.93/ft.	Barbed or smooth Difficult installation
472 Access Control	\$5,000	\$23.40/ac.	Seasonal exclusion, low production
500 Obstruction Removal	\$10,000	\$0.81/lin. ft.	Fence removal

516 Pipeline	\$25,000	\$1.93/ft. \$2.04/ft.	PVC HDPE
528 Prescribed Grazing	\$250,000 contract limit		
Note: hold-down includes combination of rotation payments AND Rest-defer payments	Must include a minimum of: 1. 3 grazing rotation payments 2. 1 rest AND 1 defer payment/pasture Must include a minimum of: 1. 3 grazing rotation payments 2. 1 defer payment/pasture	Rest-Defer option: \$7.24/ac \$6.08/ac Plant Health option: \$3.81/ac \$6.08/ac	Habitat mgt. intensive (for grazing system) Range Deferment for pastures that are rested & deferred in back-to-back years Range intensive Deferment (growing season is all that is required)
550 Range Planting	\$50,000	\$207.76/ac \$1522.24/ac	Native, low forb *Shrub plugs
574 Spring development	\$10,000	\$3,238.58 each \$2,132.97 each	Development w/ headwall Development w/o headwall
614 Watering facility	\$25,000 Trough 2000 gal = \$4000 Storage 21000 gal = \$21000	\$1.74/gal. \$0.98/gal. \$2.06/gal.	Tire trough Storage tank > 600 gallon trough
642 Watering well	\$15,000	\$7792 \$11,154 each	< 200 feet 200-400 feet
649 Wildlife structure	\$5,000	\$38.52 each \$0.12/ft.	Escape ramp Fence markers

* 315 Herbaceous Weed Control may be used ONLY in conjunction w/ range planting

** Under SGI we will be using native species only

*** Sagebrush plug minimums: each scenario = 1000 plugs; minimum plugs = 500 plugs for 100 acres or 1500 plugs per half section or 3000 per section; for seed source plant @ 12-14 ft. spacing. Each planting site or block must be no less than 1-acre or 220 plugs