

Alabama FY17 EQIP WLFW

Screening Criteria Worksheet: NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW)

Fiscal Year 2017

A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.

Instructions: This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP WLFW sign-ups that do not have their own unique screening tool. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and the EQIP WLFW program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs related to this initiative.

Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP WLFW program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP WLFW program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (high, medium, or low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.

Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet – Complete for each eligible EQIP applicant	
Applicant Name:	County:
Applicant No:	Field Office:
Evaluator Name:	Date:

Priority Determination for ProTracts – Select One:			
1. Is the application area within the Gopher Tortoise Priority Tier 1 or the Tier 2 area? If Yes go to question 2 If No-STOP-application is in LOW PRIORITY: Application should be loaded in Protracts but NOT ranked.	Yes	No	
2. Do the proposed practices include any of the following that will improve Gopher Tortoise habitat within existing forest stands on greater than 50% of the offered acres: 314, 315, 338, 382, 528, or 666 If yes-STOP-HIGH PRIORITY: application must be ranked If No –Go to question 3			
3. IF longleaf Pine tree planting is planned, is the participant willing to accept planting densities between 454-499 trees /acre -OR- For planting densities of 500 -605 trees /acre has the participant agreed to leave <u>Gopher Tortoise Openings?</u> Yes or Not Applicable –STOP –MEDIUM PRIORITY: application must be ranked, but will not be funded until all High Priority applications are funded. No-Application is LOW PRIORITY: Application should be loaded in Protracts, but NOT ranked.	Yes	No	N/A
Definition: Gopher Tortoise Openings- Required management of the openings includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum 15% of the site will be left in unplanted open space corridors for GT, generally a 2 row width (28 foot wide strip); GT open space /corridors should be planted in only native grasses and or wildlife cover. Disking is only allowable at establishment. Haying or grazing are allowable. 			

The priority determination of high, medium, or low must be recorded in ProTracts for this applicant.

D.C. Approval:		Date Approved:	
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