

**Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Application Summary  
Taos SWCD - Tribal**

<b>Program:</b> EQIP 2002	<b>Ranking Date:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Taos SWCD - Tribal	
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>	
<b>Planner:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>	

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	60 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	60 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	60 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	20 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	50 Point(s)

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Irr. Crop #1 - Treatment of this land will have a beneficial impact on a 303(d) listed stream segment?	50 Point(s)
2. Irr. Crop #2 - Treatment of this land will enhance the benefits of an active section 319 project?	50 Point(s)
3. Irr. Crop #3 - This land is within a NMED Category I watershed?	50 Point(s)
4. Irr. Crop #4 - Habitat for an at-risk species will be protected/enhanced?	50 Point(s)
5. Irr. Crop #5 - Noxious weeds are present and will be treated?	50 Point(s)
6. Grazing #1 - Treatment of this land will have a beneficial impact on a 303(d) listed stream segment?	50 Point(s)
7. Grazing #2 - Treatment of this land will enhance the benefits of an active section 319 project?	50 Point(s)
8. Grazing #3 - This land is within a NMED Category I watershed?	50 Point(s)
9. Grazing #4 - Habitat for an at-risk species will be protected/enhanced?	50 Point(s)
10. Grazing #5 - Noxious weeds are present and will be treated?	50 Point(s)

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Irr. Crop #1 Will the treatment improve irrigation efficiency at least 15% by NRCS FIRS Calculation?	170 Point(s)
2. Irr. Crop #2 Does applicant have a current EQIP contract, that is not being applied on schedule?	-50 Point(s)
3. Irr. Crop #3 Has applicant had an EQIP contract that was terminated due to non-compliance?	-50 Point(s)
4. Irr. Crop #4 The treatment will improve irrigation efficiency by 15-25%	70 Point(s)
5. Irr. Crop #5 The treatment will improve irrigation efficiency by 26-35%	90 Point(s)

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6. Irr.Crop #6 The treatment will improve irrigation efficiency by 36-40%	120 Point(s)
7. Irr.Crop #7 The treatment will improve irrigation efficiency greater than 40%	150 Point(s)
8. Irr.Crop #8 Will the applicant implement an RMS level Conservation Plan on contracted acres?	50 Point(s)
9. Irr. Crop #9 Will this treatment include practices that will address invasive species through the Taos SWCD Program?	30 Point(s)
10. GR #1 Is the grazing operation seasonal or will the operating unit move from a continuous use to a seasonal use after treatment?	200 Point(s)
11. GR #2 Does applicant have a current EQIP contract, that is not being applied on schedule?	-50 Point(s)
12. GR #3 Has applicant had an EQIP contract in last five years that was terminated due to non-compliance?	-50 Point(s)
13. GR #4 Will you defer grazing of the key species greater than 75% of the growing season on 50% of the contracted acres?	100 Point(s)
14. GR #5 Will you defer grazing of the key species greater than 51-75% of the growing season on 50% of contracted acres?	80 Point(s)
15. GR #6 Will you defer grazing of the key species greater than 26-50% of the growing season on 50% of contracted acres?	50 Point(s)
16. GR #7 Will you defer grazing of the key species greater than 0-25% of the growing season on 50% of contracted acres?	20 Point(s)
17. GR #8 Will the contract apply at minimum three practices(314, 528,550,614) listed result in reduction of soil erosion and enhances grazing lands?	40 Point(s)
18. GR #9 Will this treatment include practices that will address invasive species through the Taos SWCD Weed Program ?	30 Point(s)
19. GR #10 Will these treatments bring the contracting unit to RMS level management?	30 Point(s)