

<p>Catastrophic Fire Recovery EQIP Fund Pool Fiscal Year 2018 Application Screening Worksheet (Version 11/28/2017) <u>A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.</u></p>		
Applicant Name:		
Evaluator Name:		
Date:	Batching Number:	Application No:
<p>EQIP is a competitive financial assistance program and applications are screened and ranked based on the expected conservation benefits of planned practices in the EQIP schedule of operations. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible applicant applying for financial assistance. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; however, application batching periods are established for purposes of ranking and funding decisions. A screening worksheet can be processed for each application batching period. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and the screening priority (High or Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.</p>		
Screening Criteria Questions		
<p>If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.</p>	<p>The applicant has reviewed and approved the EQIP schedule of operations that will be uploaded to the NRCS business tool, ProTracts, before or by the ranking deadline.</p> <p>If the EQIP schedule of operations is for practices planned on non-industrial private forestland (NIPF) the applicant is aware that a qualifying Forest Management Plan is required before any financial assistance payments can be processed.</p>	
<p>If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.</p>	<p>In the last two EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or, b. Failed to implement behind schedule contract items agreed to according to Form, NRCS-CPA-153, "Agreement Covering Non-Compliance with Provisions of Contract." c. Installed conservation practices with financial assistance from NRCS that have not been maintained according to the practice operations and maintenance for the practice lifespan. 	
<p>If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.</p>	<p>Conservation treatments in the EQIP schedule of operations are planned on <u>non-industrial private forestland and/or grazing lands</u> where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. At least 90 percent of the treatment unit is designated as "Low" burned severity as designed by either the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) or the U.S. Forest Service (USFS); and/or, b. At least 75 percent of the treatment unit is designated as "Moderately" burned as designated by either the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) or the U.S. Forest Service (USFS); and/or, c. At least 50 percent of the treatment unit is designated as "Severely" burned as designated by either CAL Fire or USFS; and/or, d. As a result of the fire, soils are hydrophobic and are at risk of eroding as determined in an assessment made by a NRCS conservationist using burn severity classification, Erosion Risk Management Tool (ERMIT), or Geo-spatial interface Water Erosion Prediction Project (Geo WEPP) protocols. 	



<p>If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.</p>	<p>Conservation treatments in the EQIP schedule of operations are planned on fire-affected <u>cropland</u> where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Existing erosion control structures are damaged or insufficient to safely convey storm runoff to a stable outlet; and/or, b. Soils are not sufficiently covered with vegetation, crop residue or mulch to protect soil from sheet and rill erosion. 		
	<p>Application Screening Priority:</p>		
<p>Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:</p>		<p>Date Approved:</p>	