

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

WLFW Gopher Tortoise

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: WLFW Gopher Tortoise		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Based upon LDWF Natural Heritage species occurrence data and information, are gopher tortoise assumed to occur within the offered area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Based upon LDWF Natural Heritage species occurrence data and information, is the offered area adjacent to an area with known populations of gopher tortoise?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Based upon LDWF Natural Heritage species occurrence data and information, is the offered area not adjacent to, but less 1/4 mile from an area with known populations of gopher tortoise?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is there credible verification of gopher tortoise occurrence (i.e. photos, Heritage Database, USFWS, or LDWF documentation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will 75% or more of the practices be located within the Focal Area (Washington, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the offer include the establishment of at least 5 acres of Longleaf Pine AND Native Herbaceous Understory, on suitable and eligible acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

2. Does the offer include the establishment of at least 5 acres of ONLY Longleaf Pine (trees alone without native understory planting), or at least 2 acres of Native Herbaceous Understory Vegetation (no tree planting), on suitable and eligible acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the offer include management and vegetation succession manipulation through Prescribed Burning or thinning of midstory/understory vegetation (excluding mowing/bailing/disking) to set back succession of native plant communities in order to promote the growth of beneficial herbaceous vegetation for wildlife food and cover?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the offer include management and vegetation succession manipulation through Early Successional habitat Development & Management - Flash Grazing (once seedlings are of the size beyond damage) or Mowing/Bailing/Disking (December through February only) to set back succession of native plant communities in order to promote the growth of beneficial herbaceous vegetation for wildlife food and cover?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Do the majority of the acres offered contain Latonia, Bassfield, Ruston, Smithdale, or Cahaba soils?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Do the acres offered contain Malbis or Prentiss soils?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does the offer include the conversion of agriculture or pasture land to wildlife land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Are the offered acres adjacent to existing longleaf pine forest and/or native herbaceous stand (of at least 10 acres)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p>Final Ranking Score:</p>

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<p>NRCS Representative:</p> <p>Signature Date:</p>	<p>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</p> <p>Signature Date:</p>
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