

### **NRCS** Montana

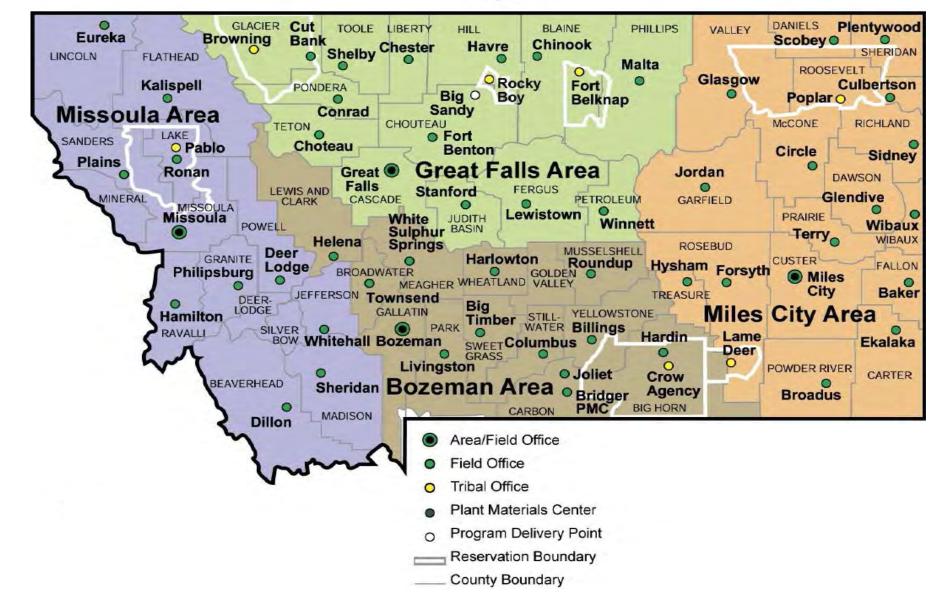


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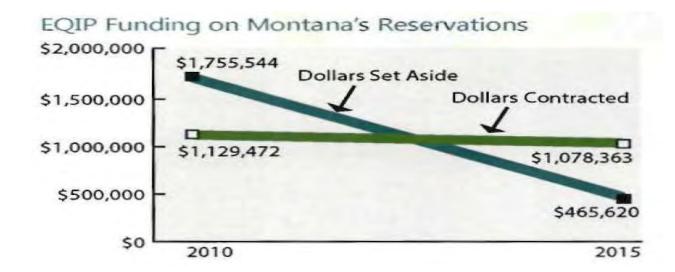
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#### **Area and Field Office Structure**

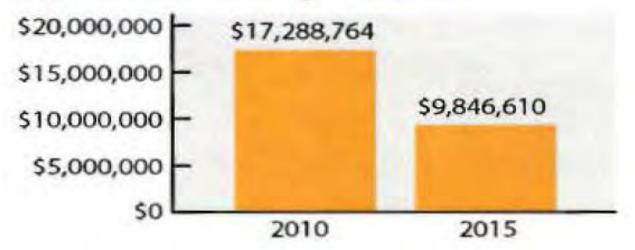
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#### EQIP General Funding in Montana



## NRCS Assistance in Indian Country Insert MT NRCS Program Dollars/CTA Acres Here.

Fiscal Year	Contracts Obligated	Contracts Terminated/ Cancelled	EQIP Total Funding (millions)	EQIP General Funding (millions)	Tribal Funding	Tribal Dollars Obligated	Tribal Dollars Deobligated
2010	34	7	\$21.7	\$17.3	\$1,755,544	\$1,129,472	\$151,883
2011	41	9	\$19.4	\$14.9	\$1,499,487	\$2,832,974	\$990,287
2012	46	8	\$18.1	\$14.9	\$1,370,178	\$1,381,962	\$62,620
2013	20	5	\$12.8	\$9.5	\$708,924	\$489,610	\$86,042
2014	17	1	\$13.4	\$11.8	\$589,656	\$1,226,848	\$13,456
2015	16	-	\$13.3	\$9.4	\$465,620	\$1,078,363	-
2016	-	-	\$16.9	\$9.8	\$1,192,331	-	-
Total	174	30	\$115.6	\$87.6	\$7,581,740	\$8,139,229	\$1,304,288

Source: ProTracts, January 5, 2016.

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2012: Tribal Allocation was approximately 10% of EQIP general allocation.

Fiscal Year 2013: Tribal Allocation was approximately 7.5% of EQIP general allocation.

Fiscal Year 2014 - 2016: Tribal Allocation was approximately 5% of our EQIP General Allocation

Fiscal Year 2016: An increase of \$2.5 million in Sage Grouse Initiative funding and \$1.1 million in Drought Initiative funding resulted in an increase of \$3.6 million to EQIP allocation.

Fiscal Year 2016: Flathead, Blackfeet, Rocky Boy and Ft. Belknap requested and received their own allocation. Crow, Northern Chevenne, and Fort Peck chose to receive a group allocation.

Fiscal year 2016: Tribal allocation includes \$500,000 in Strikeforce funding.

EQIP general allocation is derived by subtracting the national initiative and cost overrun from the EQIP allocation.





United States Department of Agriculture

#### PLANNING

Visit your local NRCS field office to discuss your goals and work with staff on a conservation plan.

#### APPLICATION

With the help of NRCS, complete an application for financial assistance programs.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Find out if you're eligible for NRCS' variety of financial assistance programs.

#### RANKING

Steps to Assistance

How to Get Assistance from NRCS

for Farms, Ranches and Forests

NRCS ranks applications according to local resource concerns.

#### IMPLEMENTING

Put conservation to work by signing a contract and implementing conservation practices.



### 1. Planning

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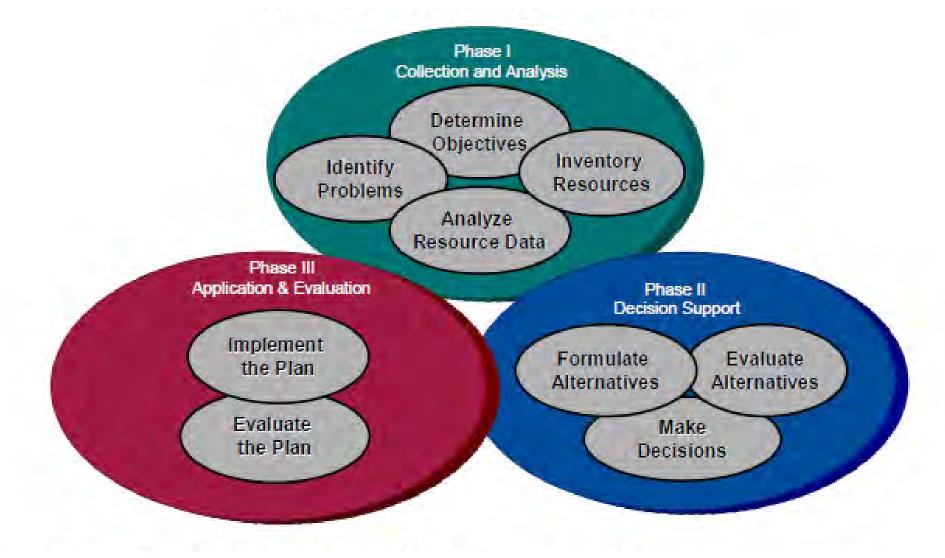
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### 1. Planning



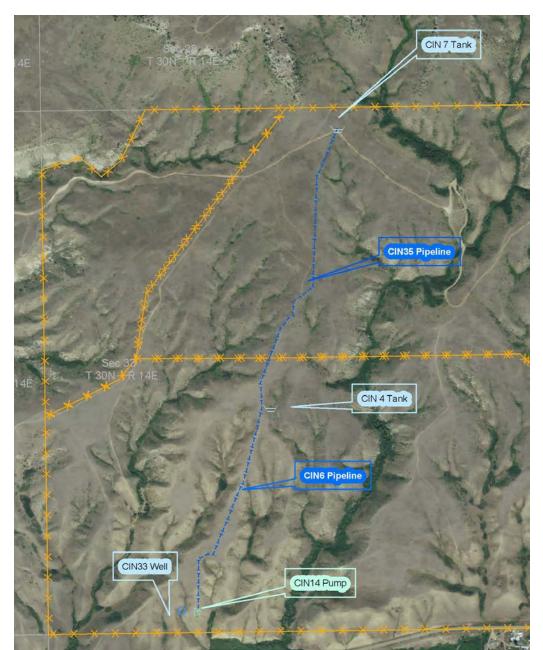


### 1. Planning Scenario

- 1. Identify the Problem.
- 2. Identify Producer's Objectives.
- 3. Inventory Resources.
- 4. Analyze Resources.







### 1. Planning Scenario

- 5. Identify Possible Alternatives.
- 6. Evaluate Alternatives.
- 7. Producer's Choice Alternative.



### 1. Planning Scenario

- 8. Implementation of Chosen Alternative. (EQIP Application)
- 9. Practice Completion Evaluation.







US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE	NRCS-CPA-1200 10/2015
CONSERVATION F	ROGRAM APPLICATION
Name:	Application Number:
Address:	Application Date:
	County and State:
Email:	
Telephone:	Watershed:
	Subaccount:
Location (Legal Description or Farm and Tract Numb	er):
1. ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have farm rec Service Center Agency?	ords established with the appropriate USDA
If no, you must establish them with the app submitting this application.	ropriate USDA Service Center Agency prior to
2. This is an application to participate in the	e
Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)	✓ Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

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Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)     CSP Renewal	Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) - Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE)
<ul> <li>Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)</li> </ul>	Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
a EQIP	ACEP- (WRE)
CSP	Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP)

3.	Are you applying to participate in a conservation program as an (check one of the
	following):

		ual	

a) Please enter your legal name and tax identification number:

Name: Tax Number:

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Entity (Corporation, Limited Partnership, Trust, Estate, etc.)
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a) Please enter entity legal name and tax identification number: Name: Tax Number: b) □ Yes □ No Do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the

entity?

Joint Operation (General Partnership, Joint Venture)
 a) Please enter joint operation legal name and tax identification number

Name: Tax Number:

b) I Yes I No Do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the joint operation?

### 2. Application

#### Program deadlines vary by state.

EQIP is a continuous signup period with batching dates for quality control.

CSP signup periods are announced by your respective states.



### 3. Eligibility Individuals

- 1. Verify Identity
- 2. AD-2047 Address and SSI
- 3. AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Determination
- 4. CCC-860 FSA Crop Program signup
- 5. CCC-941 Adjusted gross income verification (AGI)
- 6. Map with tract numbers and location.
- 7. Resolution/Minutes designating control of assignment.
- 8. Recon TBD by FSA.



# 3. Eligibility Tribes, Joint Ventures, Corporations

- **1. Verify Identity**
- 2. AD-2047
- 3. AD-1026
- 4. CCC-860
- 5. CCC-941
- 6. 901/902 signature authority & contribution to enity
- 7. SAMS/DUNS system for award management-data unviseral numbering system
- 8. Map with tract numbers and location.
- 9. Resolution/Minutes designating control of assignment.
- 10. Recon TBD by FSA.



Natural Resources Conservation Service ROCKY BOY SERVICE CENTER 93 MACK ROAD BOX ELDER, MT 59521 Phone: (406)352 - 3138 Fax:(866)609 - 8426 Application Ranking Summary

Tribal - Tribal

Program: EQIP 2014	Ranking Date: 3/29/2016	Application Number:		
Ranking Tool: Tribal - Rocky Boy		Applicant: 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,		
Final Ranking Score: 514.88		Address:		
Planner: CARLEE ELKE		Telephone:		
Farm Location:				
National Priorities Addresse	d			
	Issue Ouestions	1 - a	Responses	

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1 a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
<ol> <li>a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.</li> </ol>	No
Water Quality Degradation - Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	No
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	No
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	No
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	No
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	No
Water Conservation - Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	No
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	No
3. c.Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	No
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	No
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	No
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	No
<ol> <li>c.Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?</li> </ol>	No
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes
Soil Health:- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	No
5. b.Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	No

### 4. Ranking

#### **National Priorities**

### **State Priorities**

#### **Local Priorities**



### 5. Implementation





Questions?

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