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Area and Field Office Structure

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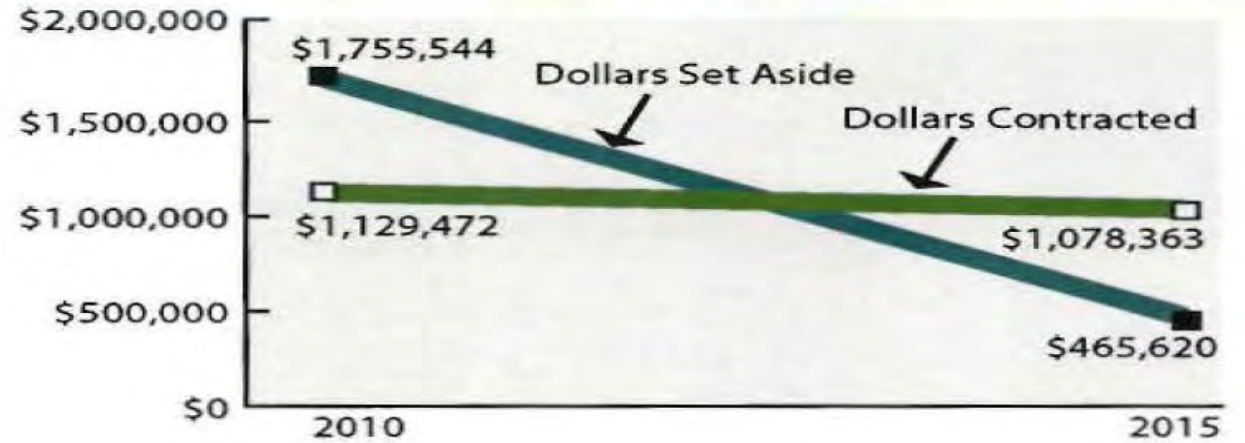


- Area/Field Office
- Field Office
- Tribal Office
- Plant Materials Center
- Program Delivery Point
- Reservation Boundary
- County Boundary

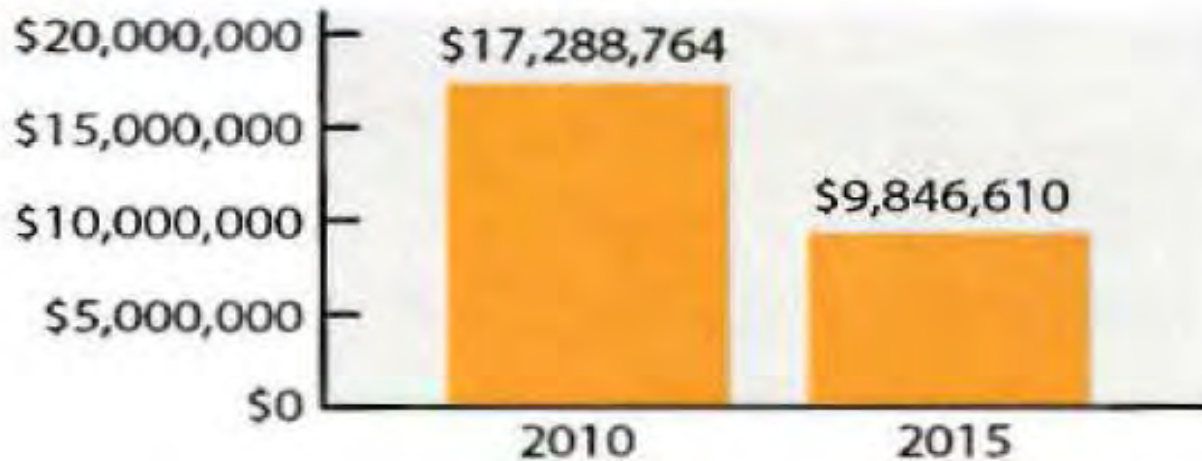
NRCS Assistance in Indian Country

- Insert MT NRCS Program Dollars/CTA Acres Here.

EQIP Funding on Montana's Reservations



EQIP General Funding in Montana



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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 Cheyenne, 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.



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Steps to Assistance

How to Get Assistance from NRCS for Farms, Ranches and Forests

1

PLANNING

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

2

APPLICATION

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

3

ELIGIBILITY

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

4

RANKING

NRCS ranks applications according to local resource concerns.

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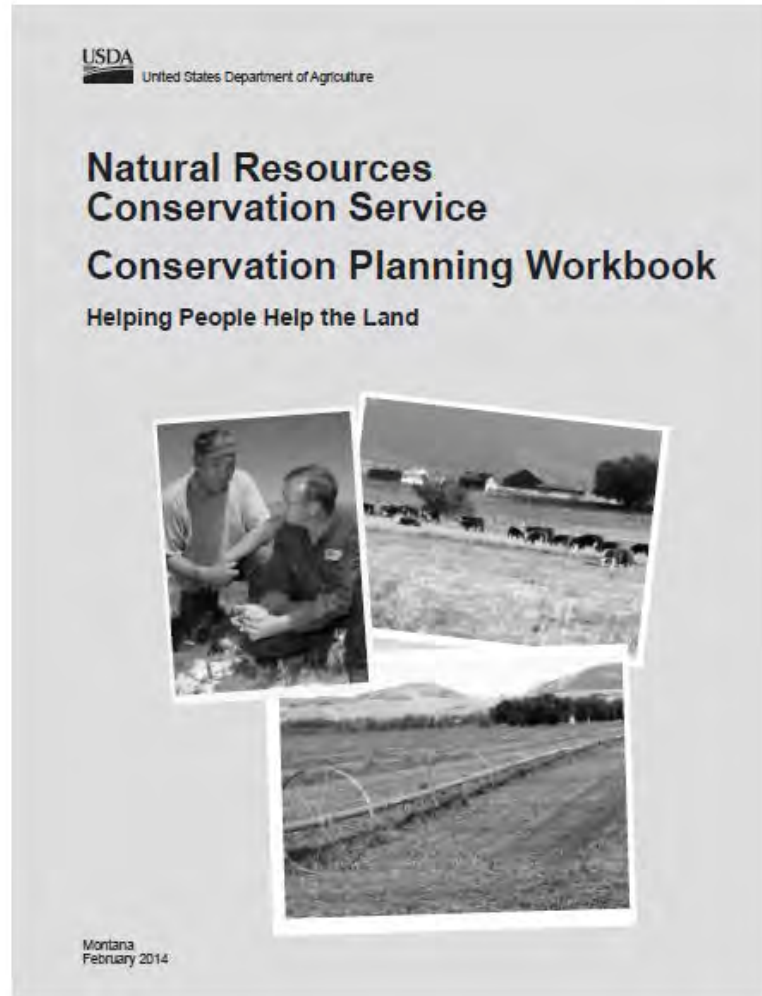
IMPLEMENTING

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

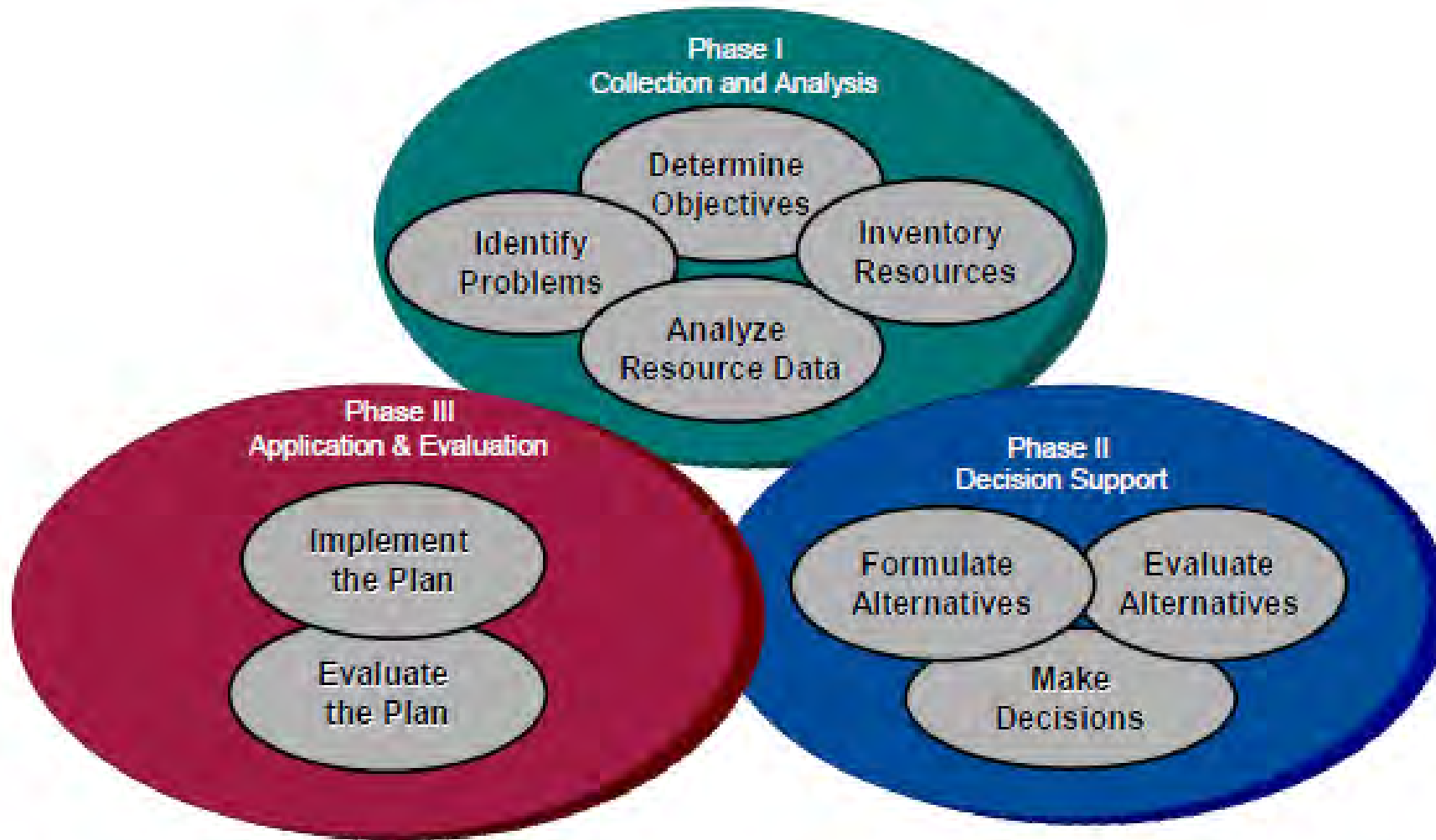


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1. Planning



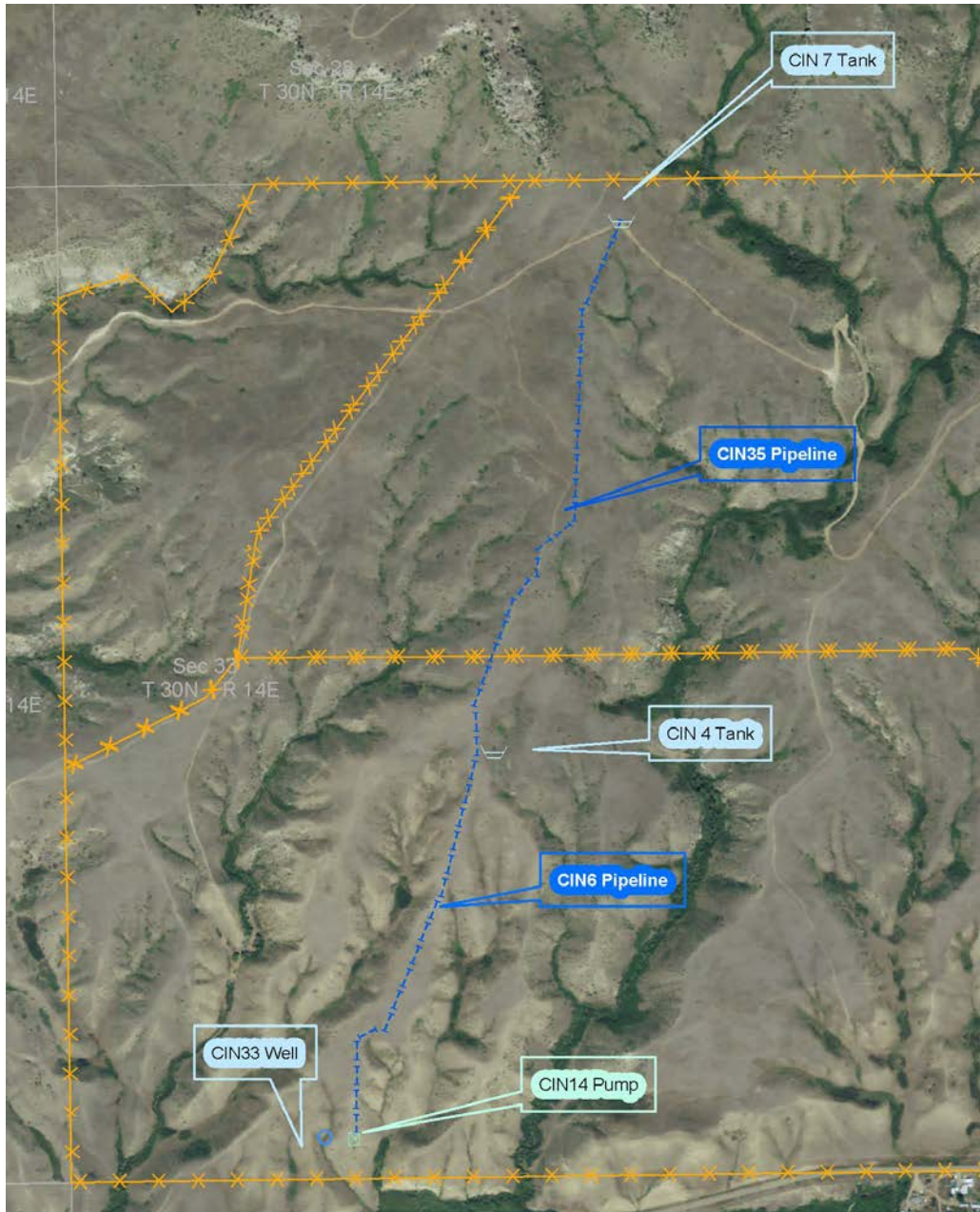
1. Planning



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.





CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name:	Application Number:
Address:	Application Date:
	County and State:
Email:	Watershed:
Telephone:	
Location (Legal Description or Farm and Tract Number):	

1. Yes No Do you have farm records established with the appropriate USDA Service Center Agency?
If no, you must establish them with the appropriate USDA Service Center Agency prior to submitting this application.

2. This is an application to participate in the:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) <input type="checkbox"/> CSP Renewal	Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) - Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE)
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) <input type="checkbox"/> EQIP <input type="checkbox"/> CSP	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) <input type="checkbox"/> ACEP- (WRE) <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP)

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

Individual

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

Name: _____ Tax Number: _____

Entity (Corporation, Limited Partnership, Trust, Estate, etc.)

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) Yes 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 entity***
7. ***SAMS/DUNS system for award management-data universal numbering system***
8. **Map with tract numbers and location.**
9. **Resolution/Minutes designating control of assignment.**
10. **Recon TBD by FSA.**



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Application Ranking Summary

Tribal - [REDACTED]

Table with 3 columns: Field Name, Value, and Field Name. Includes Program (EQIP 2014), Ranking Date (3/29/2016), Application Number, Ranking Tool (Tribal - Rocky Boy), Applicant, Final Ranking Score (514.88), Address, Planner (CARLEE ELKE), Telephone, and Farm Location.

National Priorities Addressed

Table with 2 columns: Issue Questions and Responses. Contains detailed questions about CAP development, water quality degradation, water conservation, air quality, and soil health, with corresponding 'No' or 'Yes' responses.

4. Ranking

National Priorities
State Priorities
Local Priorities

5. Implementation





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Questions?