

U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service		NRCS-CPA-52 4/2013		A. Client Name: CREP Client																																																																																																							
ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION WORKSHEET				B. Conservation Plan ID # (as applicable): Program Authority (optional): CREP																																																																																																							
D. Client's Objective(s) (purpose): 15 Improve relationship with locals by excluding horses from river, creating off-channel water source, and restoring a riparian forest along right bank of mainstem Salmon River.		C. Identification # (farm, tract, field #, etc. as required): Farm 156 Tract 1403 & 1406; T. 13N, R 7W, Sec 32; T.12N, R. 7W, Sec 5 <div style="text-align: center;">3</div>																																																																																																									
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AIR: AIR QUALITY IMPACTS						
No resource concern identified		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
PLANTS: DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION						
Inadequate structure and composition	Non native species continue to dominate riparian area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Riparian buffer will restore the native mixed deciduous/conifer plant community along Salmon River. SVAP Riparian Quality= 7-8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riparian buffer will restore the native mixed deciduous/conifer plant community along Salmon River. SVAP Riparian Quality= 7-8.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Riparian area dominated by introduced herbaceous pasture vegetation, scattered red alder, and non native blackberry. See plant inventory in case file. SVAP Riparian Quality=3.		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
Excessive plant pest pressure	Non native species continue to dominate riparian area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Native species will replace existing plant community. Weed control to be conducted during stand establishment and through mid contract management activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Native species will replace existing plant community. Weed control to be conducted during stand establishment and through mid contract management activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weed species include non native blackberry at top of bank.		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
ANIMALS: INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE						
Habitat degradation	No change, limited habitat for terrestrial and aquatic wildlife.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SVAP Overall condition score will increase to 8 following buffer establishment, creating partial shade and over hanging cover along river. TN-14 Riparian Area score increases to 0.7 following riparian restoration. Wetland score increases to 0.7 with livestock exclusion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	SVAP Overall condition score will increase to 6.8 following buffer establishment. TN-14 Riparian Area score remains 0.25 due the 35 ft. width not meeting planning criteria (PC=50 ft. min on 70% of stream)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SVAP Overall Condition=4.8 TN 14 score Riparian Area=0.25, Wetland=0.25. See inventory sheets for limiting factors.		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
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ANIMALS: LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION LIMITATION						
Inadequate livestock water	Horses continue to be watered from surface water.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pipeline extended from barn into field 1 which will supply year round clean water.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pipeline extended from barn into field 1 which will supply year round clean water.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horses currently watered from ponded surface water in seasonal wetland in field from Oct-May. Horses water primarily from stream June-Sept. Water line to barn from domestic well.		NOT meet PC	10	NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
ENERGY: INEFFICIENT ENERGY USE						
No resource concern identified		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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HUMAN: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS						
Public Health and Safety	Currently landowner struggles with multiple complaints each year.		Off-channel water system will solve public complaints of livestock in stream in short term. Long term buffer establishment will provide visual barrier from river to pasture, further separating the two user groups.		Off-channel water system will solve public complaints of livestock in stream in short term. Long term buffer establishment will provide visual barrier from river to pasture, further separating the two user groups.	
Complaints to County Health Department from local recreational water users during summer low flows.						
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Land Use	No stable income from property.		CREP will provide annual rental payment for buffer along Willapa River.		No stable income from property.	
Landowner wishes to continue using field for horse pasture.						
Management Level	No change		Implementation of alt will increase annual O&M on watering system short and long term. Short term increase in weed control needed to establish buffer.		Implementation of alt will increase annual O&M on watering system short and long term. Short term increase in weed control needed to establish buffer.	
Little pasture management occurs						

Special Environmental Concerns: Environmental Laws, Executive Orders, policies, etc.

In Section "G" complete and attach Environmental Procedures Guide Sheets for documentation as applicable. Items with a "•" may require a federal permit or consultation/coordination between the lead agency and another government agency. In these cases, effects may need to be determined in consultation with another agency. Planning and practice implementation may proceed for practices not involved in consultation.

G. Special Environmental Concerns (Document existing/ benchmark conditions)	J. Impacts to Special Environmental Concerns					
	No Action		Alternative 1		Alternative 2	
	Document all impacts (Attach Guide Sheets as applicable)	✓ if needs further action	Document all impacts (Attach Guide Sheets as applicable)	✓ if needs further action	Document all impacts (Attach Guide Sheets as applicable)	✓ if needs further action
•Clean Air Act <i>Guide Sheet FS1 FS-2</i> Outside non-attainment area	No Effect	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect	<input type="checkbox"/>
•Clean Water Act / Waters of the U.S. 2 <i>Guide Sheet Act Sheet</i> No dredge or fill planned in river or on floodplain. Reach mapped as Temperature impaired on 303d list.	No Effect	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect No short term negative effect due to buffer establishment. Long-term benefit of established buffer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect No short term negative effect due to buffer establishment. Long-term benefit of established buffer.	<input type="checkbox"/>
•Coastal Zone Management <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i> Property located on mainstem Salmon River, outside of tidal influence.	No Effect	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coral Reefs <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i> N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
•Cultural Resources / Historic Properties <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i> FSA making determination of Undertaking. Consultation, if needed will be completed prior to project installation.	No Effect No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	May Effect FSA will evaluate project for effects to Cultural and Historic Properties prior to project installation. 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May Effect FSA will evaluate project for effects to Cultural and Historic Properties prior to project installation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
•Endangered and Threatened Species <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i> Puget Sound Steelhead mapped in Salmon River (SalmonScape). PHS database shows state listed Queen of the Forest on left bank. iPAC shows marbled Murrelet potential in project area.	No Effect No change.	<input type="checkbox"/>	May Effect All Conservation Measures in the CREP Biological Opinion will be followed. Visual survey of streambank should be taken to determine presence of listed plant prior to project installation. Project located outside of suitable late successional habitat for Marbled Murrelet.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May Effect All Conservation Measures in the CREP Biological Opinion will be followed. Visual survey of streambank should be taken to determine presence of listed plant prior to project installation. Project located outside of suitable late successional habitat for Marbled Murrelet.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Justice <i>Guide Sheet Fa 1 Sheet</i> Project located in usual and accustomed areas for multiple tribes.	No Effect No change in current management	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect No negative effects to fish and wildlife resources of tribal significance	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect No negative effects to fish and wildlife resources of tribal significance	<input type="checkbox"/>
•Essential Fish Habitat 13 <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i> Coho EFH present in mainstem Salmon River	No Effect No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect Buffer installation will improve habitat..	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect PCT occurring outside riparian area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floodplain Management <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i> Mainstem Salmon River on planning unit	No Effect No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect Buffer will restore native floodplain vegetation. Site does not frequently flood, is subject to 100 year events.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect Buffer will restore native floodplain vegetation. Site does not frequently flood, is subject to 100 year events.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invasive Species <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i> Non-native blackberry and tansy ragwort present on the planning unit.	No Effect No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect Weed species will be controlled during site prep and post plant weed control activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect Weed species will be controlled during site prep and post plant weed control activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
•Migratory Birds/Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act <i>Guide Sheet Fact Sheet</i> No nest sites noted in PHS or during field inventory	No Effect No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect	<input type="checkbox"/>

Natural Areas <i>Guide Sheet</i> <i>Fact Sheet</i> None on site or adjacent.	No Effect N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prime and Unique Farmlands <i>Guide Sheet</i> <i>Fact Sheet</i> Arta, Bear Prairie, Ellettsan, Rennie, and Zenker mapped as prime or farmland of statewide importance.	No Effect No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect CREP buffer establishment is not irreversible on the land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect CREP buffer establishment is not irreversible on the land.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Riparian Area <i>Guide Sheet</i> <i>Fact Sheet</i> Mainstem of Salmon River on planning unit.	No Effect No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buffer will restore native riparian vegetation. No negative effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buffer will restore native riparian vegetation. No negative effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scenic Beauty <i>Guide Sheet</i> <i>Fact Sheet</i> No designated scenic areas on site	No Effect N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
•Wetlands <i>Guide Sheet</i> <i>Fact Sheet</i> NWI wetlands (PEM1Y) mapped in Field 1. Livestock water from seasonally ponded wetland.	No Effect No change	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect Livestock will be excluded from seasonal wetland. Short term improvements in water quality. Long term impact may be negative if RCG becomes est.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Effect Livestock will have alternative water source other than wetland during wet months. Short term improvements in water quality. Seasonal grazing during dry months will control invasive RCG and benefit wetland plant community.	<input type="checkbox"/>
•Wild and Scenic Rivers <i>Guide Sheet</i> <i>Fact Sheet</i> N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Other Agencies and Broad Public Concerns	No Action		Alternative 1		Alternative 2	
Easements, Permissions, Public Review, or Permits Required and Agencies Consulted.	None needed		Washington CD assisting landowner with CREP Planning		Washington CD assisting landowner with CREP Planning	
Cumulative Effects Narrative (Describe the cumulative impacts considered, including past, present and known future actions regardless of who performed the actions)	None		Some improvements on the planning unit for riparian, stream habitat condition, and wildlife habitat may occur. May contribute to slight overall improvement to these conditions in the landscape. 16		Some improvements on the planning unit for riparian, stream habitat condition, and wildlife habitat may occur. May contribute to slight overall improvement to these conditions in the landscape.	
L. Mitigation (Record actions to avoid, minimize, and compensate)	None needed		None needed		None needed	
M. Preferred Alternative	√ preferred alternative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Supporting reason				Practices will contribute to landowner's desire to reduce complaints from local population of recreational water users and improve water source for horses. CREP will assist with long term management goals for landowner.	

N. Context (Record context of alternatives analysis) | local | regional |

The significance of an action must be analyzed in several contexts such as society as a whole (human, national), the affected region, the affected interests, and the locality.

O. Determination of Significance or Extraordinary Circumstances

Intensity: Refers to the severity of impact. Impacts may be both beneficial and adverse. A significant effect may exist even if the Federal agency believes that on balance the effect will be beneficial. Significance cannot be avoided by terming an action temporary or by breaking it down into small component parts.

If you answer ANY of the below questions "yes" then contact the State Environmental Liaison as there may be extraordinary circumstances and significance issues to consider and a site specific NEPA analysis may be required.

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Is the preferred alternative expected to cause significant effects on public health or safety?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Is the preferred alternative expected to significantly affect unique characteristics of the geographic area such as proximity to historic or cultural resources, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Are the effects of the preferred alternative on the quality of the human environment likely to be highly controversial?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Does the preferred alternative have highly uncertain effects or involve unique or unknown risks on the human environment?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Does the preferred alternative establish a precedent for future actions with significant impacts or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Is the preferred alternative known or reasonably expected to have potentially significant environment impacts to the quality of the human environment either individually or cumulatively over time?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Will the preferred alternative likely have a significant adverse effect on ANY of the special environmental concerns? Use the Evaluation Procedure Guide Sheets to assist in this determination. This includes, but is not limited to, concerns such as cultural or historical resources, endangered and threatened species, environmental justice, wetlands, floodplains, coastal zones, coral reefs, essential fish habitat, wild and scenic rivers, clean air, riparian areas, natural areas, and invasive species.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Will the preferred alternative threaten a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements for the protection of the environment?

P. To the best of my knowledge, the data shown on this form is accurate and complete:

In the case where a non-NRCS person (e.g. a TSP) assists with planning they are to sign the first signature block and then NRCS is to sign the second block to verify the information's accuracy.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature (TSP if applicable)	Title	Date
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Signature (NRCS)	Title	Date

If preferred alternative is not a federal action where NRCS has control or responsibility and this NRCS-CPA-52 is shared with someone other than the client then indicate to whom this is being provided.

The following sections are to be completed by the Responsible Federal Official (RFO)

NRCS is the RFO if the action is subject to NRCS control and responsibility (e.g., actions financed, funded, assisted, conducted, regulated, or approved by NRCS). These actions do not include situations in which NRCS is only providing technical assistance because NRCS cannot control what the client ultimately does with that assistance and situations where NRCS is making a technical determination (such as Farm Bill HEL or wetland determinations) not associated with the planning process.

Q. NEPA Compliance Finding (check one)

The preferred alternative:		Action required
<input type="checkbox"/>	1) is not a federal action where the agency has control or responsibility.	Document in "R.1" below. No additional analysis is required
<input type="checkbox"/>	2) is a federal action ALL of which is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis AND there are no extraordinary circumstances as identified in Section "O" .	Document in "R.2" below. No additional analysis is required
<input type="checkbox"/>	3) is a federal action that has been sufficiently analyzed in an existing Agency state, regional, or national NEPA document and there are no predicted <u>significant adverse environmental effects</u> or extraordinary circumstances.	Document in "R.1" below. No additional analysis is required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4) is a federal action that has been sufficiently analyzed in another Federal agency's NEPA document (EA or EIS) that addresses the proposed NRCS action and its' effects and has been formally adopted by NRCS . NRCS is required to prepare and publish its own Finding of No Significant Impact for an EA or Record of Decision for an EIS when adopting another agency's EA or EIS document. (Note: This box is not applicable to FSA)	Contact the State Environmental Liaison for list of NEPA documents formally adopted and available for tiering. Document in "R.1" below. No additional analysis is required
<input type="checkbox"/>	5) is a federal action that has NOT been sufficiently analyzed or may involve predicted significant adverse environmental effects or extraordinary circumstances and may require an EA or EIS.	Contact the State Environmental Liaison. Further NEPA analysis required.

R. Rationale Supporting the Finding

R.1 Findings Documentation	
R.2 Applicable Categorical Exclusion(s) (more than one may apply)	
7 CFR Part 650 <i>Compliance With NEPA</i> , subpart 650.6 <i>Categorical Exclusions</i> states prior to determining that a proposed action is categorically excluded under paragraph (d) of this section, the proposed action must meet six sideboard criteria. See A338	

I have considered the effects of the alternatives on the Resource Concerns, Economic and Social Considerations, Special Environmental Concerns, and Extraordinary Circumstances as defined by Agency regulation and policy and based on that made the finding indicated above.

S. Signature of Responsible Federal Official:

Signature	Title	Date

Additional notes

ESA and Cultural Resources consultation may be needed before CREP practices installed.