

A. Client Name:

**ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

B. Conservation Plan ID # (as applicable):  
 Program Authority (optional):

D. Client's Objective(s) (purpose):

C. Identification # (farm, tract, field #, etc. as required):

E. Need for Action:

H. Alternatives		
No Action	✓ if RMS	<input type="checkbox"/>

Alternative 1	✓ if RMS	<input type="checkbox"/>

Alternative 2	✓ if RMS	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Resource Concerns**

In Section "F" below, analyze, record, and address concerns identified through the Resources Inventory process.  
 (See FOTG Section III - Resource Planning Criteria for guidance).

F. Resource Concerns and Existing/ Benchmark Conditions  
 (Analyze and record the existing/benchmark conditions for each identified concern)

I. Effects of Alternatives					
No Action		Alternative 1		Alternative 2	
Amount, Status, Description	✓ if does NOT meet PC	Amount, Status, Description	✓ if does NOT meet PC	Amount, Status, Description	✓ if does NOT meet PC
<i>(Document both short and long term impacts)</i>		<i>(Document both short and long term impacts)</i>		<i>(Document both short and long term impacts)</i>	

**SOIL**

	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC

**WATER**

	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC

F. Resource Concerns and Existing/ Benchmark Conditions (Analyze and record the existing/benchmark conditions for each identified concern)	I. (continued)					
	No Action		Alternative 1		Alternative 2	
	Amount, Status, Description <i>(Document both short and long term impacts)</i>	√ if does NOT meet PC	Amount, Status, Description <i>(Document both short and long term impacts)</i>	√ if does NOT meet PC	Amount, Status, Description <i>(Document both short and long term impacts)</i>	√ if does NOT meet PC
<b>AIR</b>						
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
<b>PLANTS</b>						
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
<b>ANIMALS</b>						
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
<b>ENERGY</b>						
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC		NOT meet PC
<b>Human Economic and Social Considerations</b>						

**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</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
•Clean Water Act / Waters of the U.S. <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
•Coastal Zone Management <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Coral Reefs <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
•Cultural Resources / Historic Properties <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
•Endangered and Threatened Species <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Justice <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
•Essential Fish Habitat <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Floodplain Management <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Invasive Species <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
•Migratory Birds/Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural Areas <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Prime and Unique Farmlands <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Riparian Area <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Scenic Beauty <i>Guide Sheet</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

•Wetlands <a href="#">Guide Sheet</a>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
•Wild and Scenic Rivers <a href="#">Guide Sheet</a>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>K. Other Agencies and Broad Public Concerns</b>	<i>No Action</i>	<i>Alternative 1</i>		<i>Alternative 2</i>		
Easements, Permissions, Public Review, or Permits Required and Agencies Consulted.						
Cumulative Effects Narrative (Describe the cumulative impacts considered, including past, present and known future actions regardless of who performed the actions)						
<b>L. Mitigation</b> (Record actions to avoid, minimize, and compensate)						
<b>M. Preferred Alternative</b>	preferred alternative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Supporting reason					
<b>N. Context</b> (Record context of alternatives analysis)						
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.						
<b>O. To the best of my knowledge, the data shown on this form is accurate and complete:</b>						
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.						
<b>Signature (TSP if applicable)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>		<b>Signature (NRCS)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>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.</b>						
<b>The following sections are to be completed by the Responsible Federal Official (RFO)</b>						
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.						
<b>P. Determination of Significance or Extraordinary Circumstances</b>						
To answer the questions below, consider the severity (intensity) of impacts in the contexts identified above. 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.						
<b>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.</b>						
Yes	No					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	• Is the preferred alternative expected to cause significant effects on public health or safety?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	• Does the preferred alternative have highly uncertain effects or involve unique or unknown risks on the human environment?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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.				



- Will the preferred alternative threaten a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements for the protection of the environment?

Q. NEPA Compliance Finding (check one)		Action required
The preferred alternative:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1) is <b>not a federal action</b> 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 <b>ALL</b> of which is <b>categorically excluded</b> from further environmental analysis <b>AND</b> there are <b>no extraordinary circumstances as identified in Section "P"</b> .	Document in "R.2" below. No additional analysis is required
<input type="checkbox"/>	3) is a federal action that has been <b>sufficiently analyzed</b> in an existing Agency state, regional, or national NEPA document <b>and</b> there are no predicted <u>significant adverse environmental effects or extraordinary circumstances</u> .	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 <b>and has been formally adopted by NRCS</b> . 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. ( <b>Note: This box is not applicable to FSA</b> )	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 <b>NOT</b> 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 NECH 610.116.	

*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**

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