



Colorado NRCS Local Work Group Task Guide

Conservation District: **Olney Boone Conservation District - 2023**

The USDA Conservation Program Delivery process relies on the products from the locally led process to provide USDA with conservation needs, resource concerns, priorities, and recommendations regarding program administration and implementation. NRCS is required by policy to ensure that local work group meetings are held annually in order for conservation partners, including agricultural producers, to provide this input.

To begin planning for Fiscal Year 2024 Farm Bill Program roll out, please compile or consolidate the comments and information provided during the local work group meeting to complete the items below. Add additional sheets as needed to provide the information.

1. **What are the most important or critical resource concerns in the District?** Please list them in order of priority, up to five (5) per land use. (Select from the attached list of NRCS Resource Concerns as listed in the Field Office Technology Guide Attachment B&C) This information is used to determine Colorado's 8 State Priority Resource Concerns.

Rangeland:

- Concern #1: Wind and water erosion: Wind Erosion
- Concern #2: Weather resilience: Naturally available moisture use
- Concern #3: Degraded plant condition: Plant productivity and health
- Concern #4: Livestock production limitation: Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution
- Concern #5: Terrestrial habitat: Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates

2. **What are the top conservation practices used by producers in your district? Please indicate the reason why they worked well.** This information is used to determine the state's priority conservation practices which receive higher payment percentage rate.

Rangeland:

- Practice #1: Cross fence
- Practice #2: Prescribed grazing
- Practice #3: Stock water tanks
- Practice #4: Stock water pipelines
- Practice #5: Wells
- Practice #6: Pumping plants

3. **What practices have been attempted by producers in your district that have not worked? Please indicate the reason they did not work (supply chain, weather conditions, contractors, design and installation problems ect)** This information is used to identify training needs or revisions to NRCS standards and specifications/ job sheets.

Rangeland:

- Practice #1: Rain Guzzlers



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- 7. Are there new technologies or practices that are being used in the District, Resource Team or Watershed that NRCS should consider adopting? (This may include Conservation Stewardship Program enhancement activities)** This information is used to identify new NRCS practice or enhancement needs.

Helping with weather stations for producers to incorporate with rangeland monitoring to help provide local weather data.

More incentives for small producers to apply for EQIP.

Shade balls for water tanks

- 8. Additional comments or items that relate to conservation program delivery:**

- 9. What other support material could be provided from NRCS to be used in the planning and hosting of the meeting?**

Let us hold the Local Work Group meeting in the fall winter in conjunction with Annual Meetings. There will be improved attendance.

Please provide a copy of the attendance list for the meeting as well as the completed task guide(s) to Amber Freouf at amber.freouf@usda.gov with a copy to your Resource Team Leader.

Task Guides must be received by **July 31, 2023**. Thank you for your time and efforts!