

Section 314(c) Project Proposal Ranking Criteria

I. Eligibility Criteria: (Proposals must meet all three following criteria before they can be ranked in II-VI.)

1. Project is outside of Utah; and
2. Project is in the CRSP project area, OR

Project is outside the CRSP area but affected by development of, or water from, a CRSP project. See attached map. (Example: Colorado-Big Thompson trans-basin diversion to the Rio Grande drainage); and

3. Project mitigates adverse impacts on fish, wildlife, plants, or recreation opportunities resulting from a CRSP project(s) and provides direct resource benefits.

II. Stream and Riparian Resources

1. Protects existing habitat
2. Restores hydrology (flow regime and/or quantity)
3. Restores stream geomorphology/stream channel characteristics
4. Restores riparian vegetation/habitat
5. Restores floodplain wetlands/backwater areas/groundwater
6. Adds to values of existing ecological preserves or enhances manageability of such reserves.

III. Native Aquatic Species

1. Restores/protects/conserves species numbers, populations, distribution, or habitat needs
2. Reduces/removes predation or competition from non-natives
3. Connects/restores migration corridors and/or removes/reduces barriers to migration

IV. Native Terrestrial Riparian-dependent Wildlife Species

1. Restores/protects/conserves species numbers, populations, distribution, or habitat needs
2. Reduces/removes predation or competition from non-natives
3. Connects/restores migration corridors and/or removes/reduces barriers to migration

V. Endangered, Threatened Species or Species of Special Concern

1. Promotes recovery of Federally listed species (including implementing Recovery Plan or Conservation Agreement tasks)
2. Conserves/protects species of special concern (state listed/agency listed species of concern).

VI. Bonus Consideration

1. Cost sharing:

- Lowest Credit - no cost sharing
- staff time contributed only
- hard dollars contributed only

Highest Credit - hard dollars plus staff time contributed