

## ATTACHMENT A-1 – FY2024 ON-THE-GROUND PROJECT SCORING SHEET

(To guide review team discussion)

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Bigger Picture Priorities – DEQ Staff Review	Max Score	Points
<b>Environmental Justice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the project benefit economic or socially disadvantaged populations (e.g., minority populations, people with disabilities)? (2 pts)</li> <li>Will the project improve or create public access to a clean and healthy environment? (2 pts)</li> <li>Did or will project planning include tribal participation and perspective? (2 pts)</li> </ul>	(6)	
<b>Climate Change/Resilience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the project improve climate change resilience for communities, native plants, wildlife, or ecosystems? (2 pts)</li> <li>Will the project restore or protect cool, late-season flow? (2 pts)</li> </ul>	(4)	
<b>Impacts to Downstream Communities and Natural Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the project benefit downstream communities and natural systems? (2 pts)</li> <li>Will the project protect a drinking water source for humans? (2 pts)</li> </ul>	(4)	
<b>Bigger Picture Review Subtotal</b>	<b>(14)</b>	
On-The-Ground Project Priorities – Natural Resource Specialists on the Agency Review Panel	Max Score	Points
<b>Reducing and Preventing Nonpoint Source Pollution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the project <u>significantly</u> reduce or prevent NPS pollution? (5 pts)</li> <li>Are the root causes of the NPS pollution problem accurately identified? (5 pts)</li> <li>Will the project address these root causes? (5 pts)</li> <li>Will the project address the most significant sources of NPS pollution? (3 pts)</li> <li>Are NPS pollution goals for the project clearly defined, measurable and attainable? (5 pts)</li> </ul>	(23)	
<b>Restoring and Protecting Natural Stream, Lake, and Wetland Processes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the project maintain natural stream, lake, and wetland processes? (10 pts)</li> <li>Will the project restore natural stream, lake, and wetland processes? (10 pts)</li> </ul>	(20)	
<b>Sustainable Solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After initial construction and vegetation establishment (2-3 years), will natural processes provide adequate long-term maintenance? (5 pts)</li> <li>Will the project benefits be protected by a long-term or perpetual agreement with the landowner? (5 pts)</li> <li>Are project costs reasonable when compared to NPS pollution reduction or prevention benefits? (5 pts)</li> </ul>	(15)	

<b>Readiness and Need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the project an appropriate next step either for making progress towards removing a pollutant/waterbody combination from Montana’s 2020 Impaired Waters list or preventing a healthy waterbody from becoming impaired? (5 pts)</li> <li>Does the project include appropriate levels of landowner and partner involvement, including, where reasonable, contributions of time, money and other resources? (5 pts)</li> <li>Have potentially applicable permitting entities been identified and consulted? (5 pts)</li> </ul>	(15)	
<b><i>On-The-Ground Project Review Subtotal</i></b>	<b>(73)</b>	
<b>Education and Outreach Priorities – E&amp;O Professionals on the Agency Review Panel</b>	<b>Max Score</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Defined Goals and Measurable Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the project increase local capacity to reduce and prevent NPS pollution? (2 pts)</li> <li>Has the project sponsor provided a reasonable process for evaluating the immediate and long-term success of the education and outreach effort? (2 pts)</li> </ul>	(4)	
<b>Appropriate Target Audience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the target audience clearly defined? (2 pts)</li> <li>Is the target audience capable of taking action to reduce or prevent NPS pollution? (2 pts)</li> </ul>	(4)	
<b>Appropriate Method of Delivery (activity)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the E&amp;O efforts reach the target audience? (2 pts)</li> <li>Are the proposed E&amp;O efforts likely to motivate the target audience to take actions to reduce or prevent NPS pollution? (3 pts)</li> </ul>	(5)	
<b><i>Education and Outreach Review Subtotal</i></b>	<b>(13)</b>	
<b><i>GRAND TOTAL</i></b>	<b>(100)</b>	
<b>Funding Recommendation</b> FF = Fully Fund, PF + = Partial Fund (at greater than 50%), PF – = Partial fund (at less than 50%), NF = Not Fund		
<b>Reviewer Comments</b> Please provide any specific thoughts regarding the proposed project, including any specific task and budget recommendations. DEQ staff will take these comments into consideration when developing final funding recommendations to send to EPA. DEQ may also share your comments, in whole or in part, with project sponsors and the public. Thanks again for giving of your time and knowledge!		

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