

Idaho

Agricultural Conservation Program
LONG-TERM AGREEMENT

COUNTY

Washington

FARM NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS	FISCAL YEAR	AGRE. PERIOD	NET CONTRACT OBLIGATION
#673	James L. Eckhardt 247 Thornwood Meridian, ID 83642	1992	FROM 1992 TO 2000	1 \$29,067 <i>RAS.</i> 2 3
	888-4734 home	FARM PHONE NO. 642-7633	AGREEMENT NO. 14	4 5

NOTE: This agreement becomes effective when approved by the county ASC committee and terminates September 30, 2000

SECTION 1 - AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

Each undersigned person agrees to participate in the Agricultural Conservation Program and to comply with the terms set forth herein and the regulations governing the program for the period covered by this agreement. Such regulations are hereby made a part of this agreement. Each undersigned person also represents and agrees that:

1. The conservation and/or environmental problems identified herein represent all the known ones needing corrective treatment except where a mini agreement is applicable whereby less than all the known problems will be identified. The corrective measures needed for the identified problems are contained in the Conservation Plan of Operations as approved by the Soil Conservation District. All practices shall be performed according to such plan and program standards and requirements in effect at the time the practice is performed. The practices shall be maintained for their normal lifespans even though the agreement may have expired. The practices eligible for cost-share assistance under each year of the agreement in accordance with the agreed upon Conservation Plan of Operations year or subsequently revised plan will on the prescribed form issued to the farm operator.
2. Applications for cost-share payments for practices performed under this agreement shall be made on a form prescribed by the Administrator, ASCS, and such applications upon approval shall be made a part of this agreement; and
3. Each undersigned person is jointly and severally responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of this agreement as to the conservation and environmental problems identified below which are to have corrective measures performed on the tract(s) of land on which the undersigned is an owner or operator and for refund of payments determined in accordance with applicable program regulations for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement.

SECTION 2 CONSERVATION AND/OR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS NEEDING CORRECTIVE MEASURES

Description of Conservation and/or Environmental Problems Addressed by the Conservation Plan of Operations.

Problems: Poor livestock distribution has resulted in the over-use of riparian areas and lowlands and the under-use of the uplands. More than two miles at Jenkins Creek has been severely impacted by over-grazing. The loss of streamside vegetation has caused the streambanks to erode.

Solutions: Water resources. There are six productive springs in the uplands which if developed would be reliable sources of water away from riparian areas. Three stock ponds could be built to further access upland forage which has been largely unused. Seeding. Approximately 150 acres of range seeding could replace medusahead dominated areas and supply productive, green forage later into the growing season. Fencing. Presently no cross-fences exist on 5,600 acres of deeded property. Approximately four miles of cross-fencing, combined with upland spring developments, strategic salting and range seeding will greatly improve livestock distribution and help prevent the over-use of riparian areas and lowlands. Riparian. The recovery of two miles of Jenkins Creek could be greatly enhanced by planting adapted Willows and Hawthorn in areas where these plants have been eliminated.

Applicant's
Exhibit

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SIGNATURE OF OWNER <i>James Eckhardt</i>	DATE 4-21-92	SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT	DATE
SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT	DATE	SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT	DATE

APPROVED FOR THE SECRETARY

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the Conservation and/or Environmental problem shown on this agreement are consistent with the SCD approved conservation plan for the farm.

SIGNATURE OF COUNTY COMMITTEE PERSON

DATE

x Rm A. Seft

5-18-92

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Conservation Assistance Notes

Client/Business:

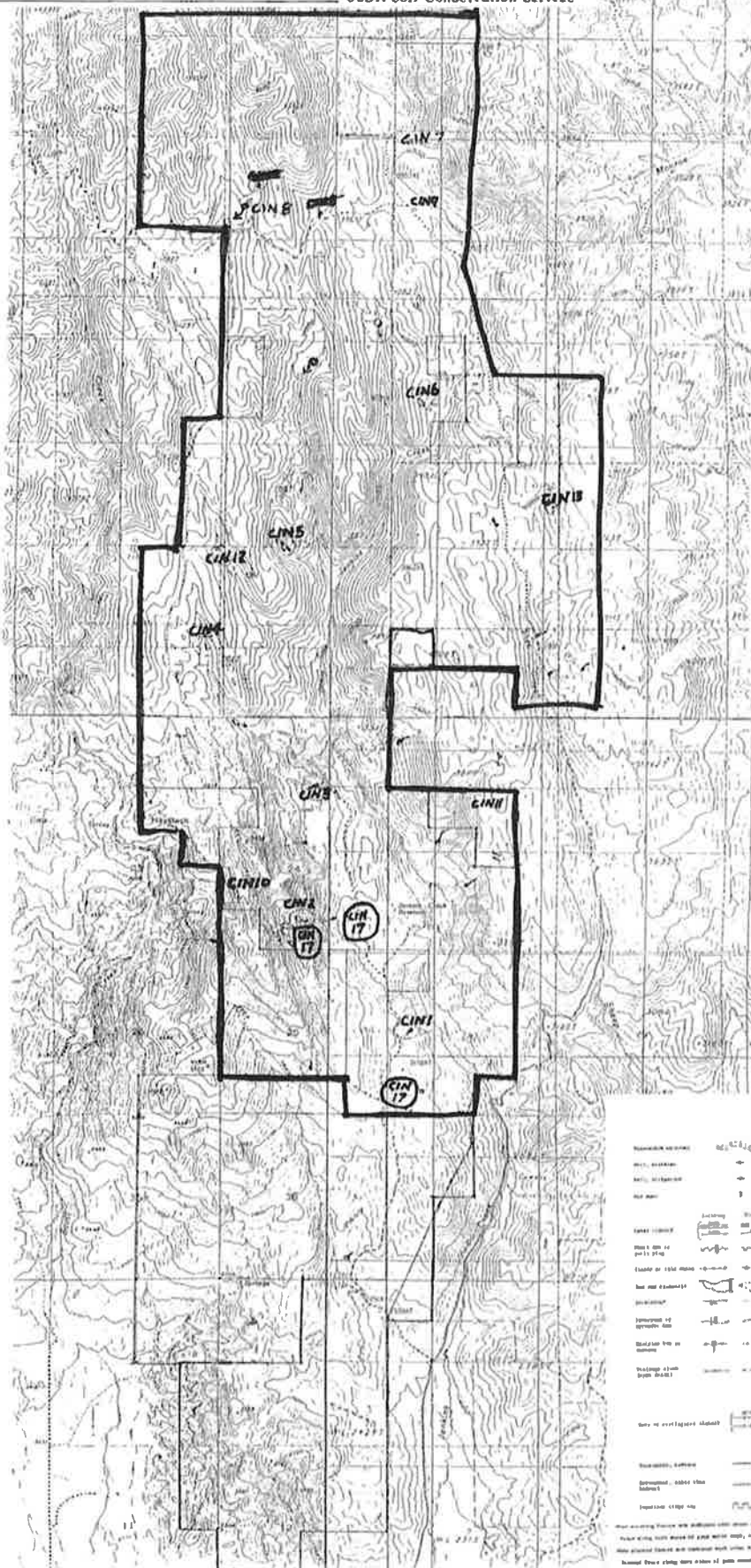
James Eckhardt

Current Objectives: Maximize production of perennial grasses by deferring or resting pastures in an annual rotation and to range seed permanent hardy grasses on lower elevational fields. On the upper native grass pastures, landowner desires to continue increasing native grass production by timing, number of AUs and length of grazing. Construct embankment ponds to catch spring run-off water for better distribution of animals.

Date	Assisted by	Program	Notes
7/10/2002	BMG		I met with Jim to talk about his goals and plans for a possible Equip contract. Jims' goals are stated in the objectives box. He has seeded approximately 550 acres of crested wheatgrass in Pasture #1. He has drilled a well in that pasture also. He would like to graze the pasture by placing temporary electric fences in different patterns in the next year or so to determine the best way to divide up the large pasture before placing permanent fencing and water developments in the divided pastures. He plans to build embankment ponds in the upper native rangeland pastures to catch spring run-off water which will allow better distribution of the animals. Jim has a confined "bull pasture" which has a spring fed small stream through the middle of it. I told him I would ask Art Shoemaker, NRCS Idaho SO engineer to come and help us evaluate and develop a winter feeding plan that would work for Jim and help him meet water quality standards. Jim has an approximate total number of acres of 11,150. The ten pastures run contiguously north and south with the lowest elevation on the southern most pasture at approximately 2700 feet and the farthest north pasture is at 4800 feet elevation. The acreage consists of private land, state land, BLM land and US Forest Service land. Jim has been using the upper pastures so as to increase production of the native plants because when he purchased the place it had been traditionally overgrazed for many years. He has increased the number of AUM's in Pasture 1 considerably by seeding Crested wheatgrass. The seeding has been successful.
7/31/2002	BMG		Art Shoemaker, Phil Ostreich, and myself went up to look at Jim's winter feeding operation and to make some recommendation's to keep Jim in compliance with the state and DEQ requirements for winter feeding. See hand written notes on 7/31/02 for details in Section VI of the six part folder.
10/29/2002	BMG		Scott Henderson and I went to Jim's upper pastures to evaluate them for production and to look at the present water developments and place them on a map and review clipping vegetation on plots for number of pounds per acre produced. We found several spring developments that were dry and had not been running for several years. We clipped two representative plots of native vegetation. See details for information of the clippings in Section VI of six-part folder.
1/29/2003	BMG		Jim came into FO and signed a CCC-1200 and other papers requesting an EQIP contract.
5/28/2003	BMG		Jim's application was not successful in receiving a contract. Jim brought in an article about Falcata alfalfa and asked me to see what I could find out about it. He would like to do some experimental plots if we can get some seed.

CONSERVATION PLAN MAP

Owner JIM ECKHARDT Operator SAME
County WASHINGTON State IDAHO Date 4/14/92
Approximate acres 5,600 Approximate scale 1 1/2 inches = 1 mile
Cooperating with WRSCD Conservation District
Plan identification LTA Photo number _____
Assisted by _____ USDA Soil Conservation Service



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Natural Resources Conservation Service
9173 W. Barnes Dr., Ste. C
Boise, Idaho 83709

April 14, 2003

James Eckhardt
Eckhardt Company, Inc.
1275 Jenkins Creek Road
Weiser, ID 83672

Dear Mr. Eckhardt:

Your request dated April 7, 2003 for a waiver to start a practice before approval of a 2003 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contract is approved. It is my understanding this request is due to the high elevation drought conditions in Adams County.

Applicants who have received a waiver may still be ineligible to receive payment if any of the following occurs:

- When funds arrive the project does not rank high enough.
- When the practice was installed it does not meet NRCS Standards and Specification

Contact Tom Yankey at (208) 549-4280 at the Weiser NRCS office for a conservation plan prior to installation of any practices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, followed by the word "FOR" in capital letters.

RICHARD SIMS
State Conservationist

cc:

Bob Bartholomew, ASTC, (Program Manager), NRCS, Boise
Bob Tribelhorn, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS, Moscow
Tom Yankey, District Conservationist, NRCS, Weiser

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
847 E. 9th Street, Weiser, ID 83672-2356
Telephone: 208-549-4280 FAX: 208-549-4229

April 10, 2003

Subject: LTP EQIP waiver request

Rich Sims
State Conservationist
NRCS
Boise, ID

Attached you will find a request from Eckhardt Co. for a waiver for his EQIP application. His EQIP application will include the installation of 3 livestock ponds for livestock distribution on his range land. The request is based on drought conditions. Jim is aware that this request is contingent upon being selected for funding and that the installation of the ponds must meet NRCS specification.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Yankey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tom Yankey
District Conservationist
NRCS
Weiser, ID

Jim Eckhardt

APR 07 2003

From: "Eckhardt Companies" <Eckhardtcos@hotmail.com>
To: "nellie and jim eckhardt" <ncherry@velocitus.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2003 10:59 AM
Subject: NRCS letter

ECKHARDT COMPANY, INC

1275 Jenkins Creek Road

WEISER, ID 83672

PHONE 208-549-1754 FAX 208-549-1758

April 2, 2003

Mr. Tom Yankee

District Conservationist

N.R.C.S.

849 E. 9th Street

Weiser, ID 83672

RE: Proposed E.Q.U.I.P projects on our ranch north of Weiser, Idaho.

Dear Tom,

As you know, we are making application through N.R.C.S for E.Q.U.I.P cost share to develop certain water conservation projects on our ranch. Several such projects include stock water pond sites, which have been identified by your colleagues and I at N.R.C.S.

Since we are in a drought environment, we felt it prudent to begin some of these pond

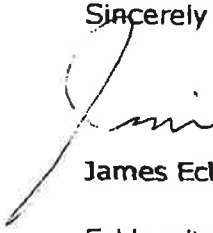
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projects as soon as possible, attempting to conserve as much water as we can.

Realizing that our E.Q.U.I.P applications may not be approved until early fall of 2003, I am requesting a waiver so that we may proceed with the pond projects.

Thanking you for this consideration I remain

Sincerely yours,


James Eckhardt

Eckhardt Company, Inc.

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I CONCUR: ☒

I DO NOT CONCUR: ☐



DATE: 4-14-03

BOB BARTHOLOMEW, ASTC, PROGRAMS

Discussed project w/ Tom Yankay - pond sites are moderately high in elevation and may receive runoff to provide water if constructed this spring

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