

## Draft Individual Review Form

Proposal number: 2001-G207-2

Short Proposal Title: Sustaining Agriculture

**1a) Are the objectives and hypotheses clearly stated?**

The hypotheses are very clearly stated with those data needed to test them well defined. Also, the objectives are clear and the applicant also provides the details that are needed to meet those goals.

**1b1) Does the conceptual model clearly explain the underlying basis for the proposed work?**

The actual conceptual model could be more concise, but the information provided more than sufficiently explains the scientific basis. All different approaches involved in constructing the model are addressed in the proposal.

**1b2) Is the approach well designed and appropriate for meeting the objectives of the project?**

Yes. The approaches seem to be well designed in order to meet the goals, without doing any extraneous work. The applicant outlines the approach to be taken to accomplish each objective, in a methodical and organized manner.

**1c1) Has the applicant justified the selection of research, pilot or demonstration project, or a full-scale implementation project?**

Yes, the proposal is justifiably a pilot/demo project. What the applicant proposes to do is a preliminary study involving some levels of restoration, plus public outreach to try and share the benefits of this approach with other farmers in an effort to gain more participants.

**1c2) Is the project likely to generate information that can be used to inform future decision making?**

Yes. The project is so designed that data obtained will be useful and integral in any future decisions.

**2a) Are the monitoring and information assessment plans adequate to assess the outcome of the project?**

Very adequate. They have discussed how data will be gathered and used in a very detailed manner that is easy to follow and allows one to know why it will be collected in the first place.

**2b) Are data collection, data management, data analysis, and reporting plans well-described, scientifically sound and adequate to meet the proposed objectives?**

Yes. Based on the techniques outlined for collection, management, analysis, and reporting, this proposal is very scientifically sound. It is believed that, based on details provided in the text, the objectives will be met easily through the use of the techniques presented.

**3) Is the proposed work likely to be technically feasible?**

Yes. There are many very detailed activities planned, but they can be accomplished in the proposed timeline.

**4) Is the proposed project team qualified to efficiently and effectively implement the proposed project?**

Based on the background provided, yes, they are eminently qualified to implement the project in a most efficient and effective manner.

**Miscellaneous comments**

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<p><b>Overall Evaluation Summary Rating</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Very Good</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p>	<p><b>Provide a brief explanation of your summary rating</b></p> <p>This is a very strong proposal, scientifically, but it could be a bit more focused with regard to the conceptual model. Overall, a very good proposal explaining the approach to be taken in an above average manner.</p>
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