



# Priority Ranking Worksheet

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**Introduction:** To identify priority tracts for purchase offers, the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program or Program) consults with tribes to identify priority areas and fractional interests within the respective jurisdiction of the tribes. This “Priority Ranking Worksheet” describes land characteristics and other factors by which a tribe can organize its consolidation priorities. The Program will consider this Worksheet when implementing the Program. The timely receipt of this Worksheet helps the Program make offers that align with tribal priorities to the greatest extent possible.

**Tribe Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Please rank the following factors from **1** to **8** in order of importance, with **1** being the most important factor to the Tribe and **8** being the least important factor.

- **\_\_\_ Degree of Fractionation** - Purchasable tracts that have the lowest number of unique owners (least fractionated) or have the highest number of unique owners (most fractionated) are important to the Tribe. For example, in the latter scenario, the offer set would include the most fractionated tract and capture successive tracts until the total value of the purchasable tract interests reaches a total offer amount that will help meet or exceed the purchase estimate.
  - Most Fractionated Tracts (PLEASE NOTE: This is a default prioritization category that is used by the Buy-Back Program.)
  - Least Fractionated Tracts
- **\_\_\_ Willing Seller** - Purchasable tracts with landowners who have indicated they are interested in selling their interests and would like to receive an offer. PLEASE NOTE: This is a default prioritization category that is used by the Buy-Back Program.
- **\_\_\_ Specific Tracts or Areas** - Specific purchasable tracts or areas that are important to the Tribe. For example, tracts with opportunities for economic development, conservation, residential construction projects or utilities. Please indicate the specific area(s) in which the Tribe is most interested using information on a reservation map and/or through a narrative description. Additionally, please identify, in priority order, specific tracts (additional documentation may be provided if more space is needed):  
  
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PLEASE NOTE: Certain tracts may not be eligible for the Program’s land consolidation efforts (e.g., tracts that are not mappable). Nonetheless, the Tribe should identify its priority tracts and eligibility would be discussed if and when Program implementation occurred.

- **\_\_\_ Percent of Ownership** - Offers reflect a tribe’s decision to focus on owners with a certain amount of interest in a purchasable tract (e.g., the offer set would be prioritized with owners who own less than 5% interest in a tract).  
**\_\_\_\_\_** Please indicate what percentage of ownership the Tribe would like to prioritize (e.g., less than 5%, less than 10%).
- **\_\_\_ Fee Interest** - Purchasable tracts that have 49% or less fee ownership where a tribe may want to consolidate divided trust or restricted interests to gain at least 51% ownership to enable easier decision making on beneficial land use.
- **\_\_\_ Tribal Ownership** - Offers reflect a tribe’s decision to focus on purchasable tracts where the tribe already owns an interest in a tract or does not own any interest in a tract. For example, the offer set would be prioritized with tracts in which the Tribe owns the largest non-controlling interest and captures successive tracts that meet this characteristic so that the Tribe could possibly obtain a controlling interest amount in certain tracts. Please check the category that applies.



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- Tracts with tribal ownership
- Tracts with no tribal ownership
- **Location of Landowners** - Purchasable tract interests where a landowner's place of residence is important to the Tribe. Please check the category that applies.
  - Landowners who live on the reservation
  - Landowners who live off the reservation
- **Tribal Membership** - Purchasable tract interests where a landowner's tribal affiliation is important to the Tribe. Please check the category that applies.
  - Landowners who are members of the Tribe
  - Landowners who are members of another tribe

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