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SUBJECT: TCH – Section II of the eFOTG

Purpose: Notification of acceptance of a new State Level Agreement with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and associated changes to cultural resources review procedures and eFOTG.

Expiration Date: January, 2004

Please remove and destroy all copies of the State Level Agreement (SLA) of 2001 between Maine NRCS and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (directed by the SHPO). Pursuant to the Programmatic Agreement of 2002 among NRCS, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, Maine NRCS has negotiated a revised SLA with the SHPO. This new SLA, signed in May 2003, and submitted to NRCS's Federal Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council, is now in effect. Copies of the Programmatic Agreement of 2002 and the new SLA of 2003 are available in Section II C. – Cultural Resources Information – General Information – NRCS and Cultural Resources of eFOTG.

The new SLA outlines the procedures by which Maine NRCS will consult with the SHPO and will comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and other legislation. Maine NRCS employees shall commence immediately to follow the historic preservation procedures of the new SLA.. To facilitate this action, employees shall now use the following revised documents in Section II. – Cultural Resources Information – Cultural Resources Reviews of eFOTG and remove and destroy older versions of the same items:

- NRCS Preliminary Cultural Resources Review Worksheet (ME-CR-1; Revision of 4/30/2003);
- Coastal Supplement to Cultural Resources Evaluation Worksheet;
- Instructions for Maine's Cultural Resources Review Worksheet (ME-CR-1); and
- NRCS Undertakings that are Exempt from Cultural Resources Reviews in Maine.

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Employees will need to copy eFOTG's Word version of the Worksheet (ME-CR-1) to their computers' hard drives to form a template for completion and to expedite transmittal of project-specific Worksheets to the Cultural Resources Coordinator/Specialist (CRC/S).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gary Shaffer, Cultural Resource Coordinator/Specialist.

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