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To: District Conservationists
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Civil Engineers
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State Technical Committee

Date: February 28, 2006

Subject: Notice of proposed changes to Missouri Practice Standards for review and comment.

ACTION REQUIRED TO STATE OFFICE by April 13, 2006.

At the following web addresses, under “**Draft eFOTG**” (lower right front page), are four Missouri draft practice standards that are posted on the Missouri eFOTG site for review and comment:

<http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx?Fips=29019&MenuName=menuMO.zip> (general users)

or

<http://my.nrcs.usda.gov/> (NRCS employees)

Draft practices posted for review and comment:

- *Hedgerow Planting (422)*
Complete Rewrite.
- *Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)*
Blue text notates changes.
- *Wetland Creation (658)*
Complete Rewrite.
- *Wetland Enhancement (659)*
Complete Rewrite.

For the next 45 days, NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject standard(s). Draft standards are for review and comment only. District Conservationists should review these draft standards with conservation district boards and their employees.

The following procedure shall be followed for response from within NRCS and SWCD to the State Office: District responses should be furnished to the District Conservationist. DCs shall consolidate comments (NRCS and SWCD) from all counties within a FOSA and submit one response directly to the State Office. Area Offices should consolidate area staff responses. Send all summaries and comments to Pat Graham, State Biologist, Columbia, MO. Responses may be mailed to the State Office or emailed to Pat at pat.graham@mo.usda.gov. Responses from members of the State Technical Committee can be sent to me. Responses may be mailed to the State Office or emailed to bob.ball@mo.usda.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Ball". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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