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The attached Range Technical Note No. 70, "Introduction to Microbiotic Crusts", provides the latest information on microbiotic crusts and how they impact soils, hydrology, and plant communities. The relative importance of the impacts is not currently understood. This new technology has not been widely recognized or characterized, yet needs to be understood by all people managing ecosystems where microbiotic crust is an important component. This publication should serve as an awareness builder for these organisms.

File this in the Range section of the Technical Notes, Section VI of the Technical Guide.