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NRCS Colorado State Technical Guide Committee 2016

Background

Field Office Technical Guides are the primary technical references for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Each NRCS State maintains an online, publically accessible, Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) designed to support the agency's mission of technology development and transfer. The State's FOTG contains localized technical information about the conservation of soil, water, air, plants, animals, energy and humans.

The NRCS Colorado FOTG is available at http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov//efotg_locator.aspx?Map=CO. Field Office Technical Guides are maintained by each state as directed by NRCS policy in General Manual (GM) Title 450 – Technology, Part 401 Technical Guides (online at <http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/>). The NRCS State Conservationist appoints a State FOTG Content Manager and a State Technical Guide Committee (STGC) to assist in the development and maintenance of the State's FOTG. Colorado NRCS's membership and operations are provided herein.

State Technical Guide Committee

Membership:

- I. NRCS State FOTG Content Manager (GM-450-401.0 (E)) is appointed by the State Conservationist to serve a term not to exceed three years. The content manager also serves as chairperson to the committee.
- II. NRCS State-level technical leaders (GM-450-401.0 (D)) are appointed by the State Conservationist to serve as a standing committee members.
- III. NRCS Field/Area-level technical leaders are appointed by the State Conservationist, with recommendation by the Area Conservationist, to serve a term not to exceed three years. They serve as a representative of their area. Each NRCS Area will have at least one representative.

Each committee member will have a working knowledge of [GM-450, Part 401, Technical Guides](#), and [H-450, National Handbook of Conservation Practices](#), Chapter 1.

[Table 1](#) provides a directory of the 2016 State Technical Guide Committee members.

State Technical Guide Committee (cont.)

STGC Operations

- 1) Review and approve FOTG technical information as presented, on an as-need basis. The committee is responsible for quality assurance to ensure the completeness and accuracy of FOTG materials. Reviews will be conducted primarily by electronic communication, with at least a two week review period granted. When no response is given to a review request, it will be considered that the non-responding member is providing approval to the content as-is. Committee members may request additional review time, as needed.
- 2) Identify and report technical needs. All employees are responsible for identifying the need for improvements and emerging technology (GM-450-401.0 (E)(2)). When a member is approached with a need, it will be relayed immediately to the committee. Additionally, Field/Area technical leaders will actively query the area they represent, on (at least) an annual basis, to identify needs.
- 3) Report FOTG errors (e.g. broken links, missing metadata) to the FOTG content manager as found.
- 4) Assist area and field office technical leaders (e.g. district conservationists and area conservationists) with preparing technical materials for submission to the committee for review.
- 5) Meet annually as convened by the chairperson. Members will, at a minimum, present a summary of the technology updates completed the prior year, and bring forward any technology needs or issues for the committee to address in the upcoming year.
- 6) Create ad hoc subcommittees, as necessary, to address in-depth review requests.

The FOTG Content Manager will ensure that the STGC approved technical information is inserted, maintained and archived in the FOTG following GM-450-401.0. The content manager will serve as the point of contact for the committee and will coordinate the committee activities.

Contact the Committee

Please contact a committee member if you have identified a technical need, have a suggestion for improvement, or would like to report an error. [Table 1](#) provides STGC contact information.

NRCS employees and affiliates may also submit needs, comments and suggestions to the [FOTG SharePoint](#) (NRCS Colorado\ECS\FOTG).

For questions or suggestions regarding this notice, please contact Chanda Garcia, FOTG Content Manager, at 720-544-2804 or chanda.garcia@co.usda.gov.

Table 1. NRCS Colorado State Technical Guide Committee 2016

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