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SUBJECT: **ECS – BIOLOGY- Assessing Special Environmental Concerns**

Purpose: Transmit the above named Technical Note

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Completing the Special Environmental Concerns section of the Environmental Evaluation CPA-52 form is often the most difficult section of the environmental evaluation to complete. This technical note is intended to assist the planner in completing their evaluation of potential impacts of recommended practices in a systematic and efficient method. Accessing newly developed geodata layers and metadata will assist the planners on recommending alternatives that avoid or minimize effects to these unique habitats and the species found in those Special areas protected by federal or state law, Executive Orders, or NRCS policy.

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