

V-A-2. EFFECTS FOR GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

INTRODUCTION

This section shows NRCS documentation of resource problems, proposed solutions and probable consequences for major, local resource settings. Several forms are used to collect and display this information. A complete set of these guidance documents would include:

1. **Checklist of Resource Problems or Conditions.** The purpose of this form is to identify natural resources that are not being sustained, or that need to be improved, for a chosen, typical resource setting.
2. **Site Specific Practice Effects Worksheet.** This worksheet rates the effectiveness of conservation practices in resolving identified natural resource problems.
3. **Conservation Management Systems Options Worksheet.** This form is used to combine conservation practices into alternative conservation *systems*. Each system should be able to resolve the major resource problems found for the selected resource setting. An evaluation is made on the worksheet showing whether or not the system can accomplish this goal.
4. **Resource Management Systems Guidesheet.** This guidesheet displays combinations of conservation practices (or *systems* of practices) that, when implemented, will protect, sustain and enhance natural resources.
5. **Conservation Effects Worksheets.** This form compares the effects of continuing with the present, presumably inadequate, management of natural resources with improved management. A benchmark condition identifies present management and the effects of this management. Effects can be natural resource related, economic or social. The *Impacts* column shows the difference between this benchmark condition and a selected alternative system (such as a Resource Management System).
6. **Conservation Treatment Information Worksheets.** This form displays the anticipated effects of adopting an alternative system of resource management (such as a Resource Management System).
7. **Scratch sheets or other supporting information.** The calculations used to provide information for the previous forms (i.e. soil erosion rates) can also be stored here.