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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 620

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Re: Transmit Revised Biology Technical Note No. 40 - Wildlife Species Models (WSMs), revised Windbreak Suitability Groups, revised Biology Technical Note No. 28 - Burrowing Owl Information, revised Biology Technical Notes Index, and new technical materials on buffers and stream evaluation.

This Technical Guide Notice transmits:

- Revised Biology Technical Note No. 40 revising/issuing the following WSMs
 - Pronghorn
 - Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse
 - Greater Sandhill Crane
 - Elk
 - Ferruginous Hawk
 - Gambel's Quail
 - Greater Prairie Chicken
 - Lesser Prairie Chicken
 - Leopard Frog
 - Mallard
 - Mountain Plover
 - Mule Deer – Eastern Plains and Mountains/West Slope
 - Bobwhite Quail
 - Pheasant
 - Plains Sharp-tailed Grouse
 - Sage Grouse – Xeric and Mesic sites
 - Scaled Quail
 - Southwestern Willow Flycatcher
 - Trout
 - Turkey – Merriam's and Rio Grande
- Revised Windbreak Suitability Groups
 - Revised to remove Russian olive
- Revised Biology Technical Note No. 28 on Burrowing Owls
 - Revised to reflect Colorado Division of Wildlife information and guidance
- Revised Index to Biology Technical Notes
- New Conservation Buffers Booklet

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- New Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 methodology (SVAP2)

The new and revised documents are located as follows:

- Biology Technical Notes Nos. 28 and 40 and the Index to Biology Technical Notes are found in Biology Technical Notes in Section I of the Colorado Field Office Technical Guide ([FOTG](#));
- Windbreak Suitability Groups are in Woodland Technical Notes in Section II of the Colorado Field Office Technical Guide ([FOTG](#));
- Conservation Buffers Booklet is at: <http://www.unl.edu/nac/bufferguidelines/>
- SVAP2 is at: <https://nrcs.sc.egov.usda.gov/west/co/tech/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

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This notice is filed in the [FOTG](#), Section I, Transmittals folder.

The [Section I Transmittals Index](#) is now in PDF format to comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1998.

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