



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Denver Federal Center  
Building 56, Room 2604  
P.O. Box 25426  
Denver, Colorado 80225-0426

---

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

**TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 656**

**MARCH 20, 2012**

Re: Transmit New and Revised Biology, CRP, Engineering and Plant Materials Technical Documents

This Technical Guide Notice transmits the following documents to the Colorado electronic Field Office Technical Guide ([eFOTG](#)).

**Section I**

- Stream Visual Assessment 2, Colorado Version, New
- SVAP2 Field Sheet, New
- Pollinators WHEG, Revised
- Biology Technical Notes Index, Revised
- Colorado Water Quality Control Commission Regulation 93, 2012 Section 303(D) List of Impaired Waters and Monitoring and Evaluation List, Revised
- USDA Plant Hardiness Zones Map, Revised
- Revised Plant Materials Technical Note No. 59, Plant Suitability and Seeding Rates for Conservation Plantings in Colorado Table No. 6 (Suitability). Includes expanded range for 'Butte' Sideoats grama, (*Bouteloua curtipendula*) 'Rosana' Western wheatgrass (*Pascopyrum smithii*) and addition of 'Flintlock' Western wheatgrass (*Pascopyrum smithii*), 'Scout' Yellow Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*) and 'Bad River' Blue grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*).

**Section III**

- Wetland Approval Authority, Revised

**Section IV**

- Standards and Specifications Index
- Aquatic Organism Passage (396) Standard, Revised
- Early Successional Habitat Management (647) Interim CRP Job Sheet, New
- Forage Harvest Management (511) Interim CRP Specification, Revised
- Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548) Interim CRP Specification, Revised
- Irrigation Ditch Lining (428) - Standard, Statement of Work, Operation and Maintenance Plan – Revised
- Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443) - Documentation Checklist, Construction Specification - Above Ground, Multi Outlet Pipeline
- Irrigation Pipeline (430) - Documentation Checklist, New
- Irrigation Reservoir (436) - Standard, Construction Specification, Statement of Work, Operation and Maintenance Plan – Revised

- Prescribed Grazing (528) Interim CRP Specification, Revised
- Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441) – Standard, Construction Specification, Statement of Work, Operation and Maintenance Plan – Revised
- Livestock Pipeline (516) - Standard, Construction Specification, Statement of Work, Operation and Maintenance Plan – Revised and Name change from Pipeline to Livestock Pipeline
- Range Seeding (550), Interim CRP Specification, Revised

This Technical Guide Notice cancels the following.

### **Section I**

- Pollinators WHEG, dated December 2008
- Plant Materials Technical Note No. 59, Plant Suitability and Seeding Rates for Conservation Plantings in Colorado Table No. 6 (Suitability) dated September 2011

### **Section IV**

- Above Ground, Multi Outlet Pipeline (431), Standard (October 2007), Construction Specification (October 2007), Documentation Checklist (March 2009), Operation and Maintenance Plan (October 2007), Statement of Work (October 2007)
- Fish Passage (396) Standard, (January 2007)
- Forest Harvest Management (511) Specification, (October 2010)
- Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548) Specification, (September 2005)
- Irrigation Ditch Lining (428) - Standard (November 2010), Operation and Maintenance Plan (November 2010), Statement of Work (November 2010)
- Irrigation Reservoir (436) - Standard (November 2010), Construction Specification 552 (May 2003), Operation and Maintenance Plan (November 2010), Statement of Work (November 2010)
- Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441) - Standard (November 2010), Construction Specification (March 2002), Operation and Maintenance Plan (November 2010), Statement of Work (November 2010)
- Pipeline (516) - Standard (November 2011), Construction Specification (August 2002), Operation and Maintenance Plan (November 2011), Statement of Work (November 2011), Practice Documentation Requirements Checklist (March 2009)
- Prescribed Grazing (528) Specification, (June 2008)
- Range Seeding (550) Interim CRP Specification, (September 2005)

This notice is filed in the Section I, Transmittals folder of the Colorado eFOTG. A [Section I Transmittals Index](#) is available in PDF format to comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1998.

### **Archiving Standards**

Conservation practice standards in effect at the time the client makes a decision regarding a course of action (step 7 of the Conservation Planning Process) may be used for practice implementation unless public health, safety, or welfare is adversely affected. A copy of all

superseded standards shall be retained in NRCS field office files or other locations as approved by the State Conservationist, until such standards are no longer relevant to any active conservation plan or contract, or for 10 years, whichever is longer. Where formal contracts (e.g., long-term agreements) are involved, copies of outdated standards are to be retained for the period required by the pertinent NRCS policy governing that specific program.

These archived standards need to be removed from the FOTG and retained in a separate file (GM-450, Part 401, Subpart B, 401.18). An archive of canceled Colorado standards is maintained in the Ecological Sciences Section at the State Office in Denver.

### **Printing and Filing Instructions**

District Conservationists are not required to maintain a hard copy of the eFOTG in their respective field offices. One copy of the Colorado eFOTG is maintained at the National Information Technology Center (NITC) Web Farm, and is available through <http://my.nrcs.usda.gov> and [http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx](http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx)

### **Contact Information**

Contact Terri Sage at (720) 544-2813 or [terri.sage@co.usda.gov](mailto:terri.sage@co.usda.gov) for questions regarding the Biology content of this notice.

Contact Ted Lucero at (720) 544-2814 or [ted.lucero@co.usda.gov](mailto:ted.lucero@co.usda.gov) for questions regarding the CRP content of this notice.

Contact Dave Wolff at (720) 544-2836 or [dave.wolff@co.usda.gov](mailto:dave.wolff@co.usda.gov) for questions regarding the Engineering content of this notice.

Contact Christine Taliga at (720) 544-2840 or [christine.taliga@co.usda.gov](mailto:christine.taliga@co.usda.gov) for questions regarding the Plant Materials content of this notice.

This is the only copy of this notice you will receive from the State Office.

/s/ Eugene Backhaus acting for

PHYLLIS ANN PHILIPPS  
State Conservationist