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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

#### **TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 668**

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Re: Transmit new RUSLE2 database update, revised Prescribed Burning 338 Standard, and revised NRCS-CPA-52

This Technical Guide Notice transmits the following information and documents to the Colorado electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG).

RUSLE2 Database Update, April 11, 2013

Refer to <u>Database Updates 04112013.docx</u>, available on the <u>NRCS RUSLE2 website</u>, for detailed descriptions of new and revised Operations, Residues and Vegetations.

- 1. Save a copy of the update database <u>NRCS Moses updates 030104 to 041113.zip</u> to a location on your C: drive where you can find it, and then extract the database.
- 2. Start RUSLE2 and load your local moses\_CMZ\_XX.gdb database.
- 3. Select Database, Import RUSLE2 database, on the toolbar, then select and open the NRCS\_Moses\_updates\_030104\_to\_041113.gdb database that was extracted in step 1.
- 4. Click the checkbox in the upper left corner of the Import Database screen to select all components of the update database, and then click Import.
- 5. Repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 for each local moses\_CMZ\_XX.gdb database that you maintain.

### Section IV, Standards and Specifications

<u>Prescribed Burning 338, Standard</u> - revised per <u>NHCP Notice 152</u> to include pollinators as a consideration

### Section IV, Planning Forms

The following documents are revised per NB-190-13-11 for consistency with 2013 revised Planning Criteria per NB-450-13-2.

NRCS-CPA-52 Entire Packet, April 2013

NRCS-CPA-52 Form Only, April 2013

NRCS-CPA-52 Worksheet, April 2013

This Technical Guide Notice cancels the following documents and removes them from the Colorado eFOTG.

Section IV, Standards and Specifications

Prescribed Burning 338, Standard, April 2003

Section IV, Planning Forms

CPA-52 Package, May 2010

NRCS-CPA-52, Excel Version, May 2010

NRCS-CPA-52, PDF Version, May 2010

## **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 A copy of all superseded standards shall be retained in NRCS field office files or other locations as approved by the State Conservationist, until such standards are no longer relevant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 at <a href="http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov//efotg\_locator.aspx?Map=CO">http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov//efotg\_locator.aspx?Map=CO</a>.

### **Contact Information**

Contact Jim Sharkoff at 720-544-2812 or <u>jim.sharkoff@co.usda.gov</u>, for questions regarding RUSLE2 updates.

Contact Jonas Feinstein at 720-544-2839 or <a href="mailto:jonas.feinstein@co.usda.gov">jonas.feinstein@co.usda.gov</a> for questions regarding the revised Prescribed Burning 338, Standard.

Contact Eugene Backhaus at 720-544-2868 or <a href="mailto:eugene.backhaus@co.usda.gov">eugene.backhaus@co.usda.gov</a> for questions regarding the revised NRCS-CPA-52.

This notice is filed in the Section I, Transmittals folder of the Colorado eFOTG. A <u>Section I</u> <u>Transmittals Index</u> is available in PDF format to comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1998.

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

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