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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 689

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Re: Transmit new Gunnison Sage-Grouse Handout, revised Irrigation Water Management 449 Guide, FIRI and Specification, and new Structures for Wildlife 649 Standard, Statement of Work and Implementation Requirements

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

Section II, Special Environmental Concerns, Threatened and Endangered Species, ESA Predictability

[WLFW/ESA Predictability Handout for GuSG](#) - New handout for participants on ESA Predictability for the Gunnison sage-grouse (GuSG)

Section IV - Standards and Specifications

[Irrigation Water Management \(449\) eRAMS Irrigation Scheduler \(WISE\) Guide](#) - New

[Irrigation Water Management \(449\) Farm Irrigation Rating Index \(FIRI 2014.1\)](#) - Revised

[Irrigation Water Management \(449\) Specification](#) – Revised

[Structures for Wildlife \(649\) Implementation Requirements](#) - New

[Structures for Wildlife \(649\) Standard](#) – New, this practice has a 5-year lifespan. Structures for Wildlife are installed to replace or modify a missing or deficient wildlife habitat component, or to modify existing structures that pose a wildlife hazard.

[Structures for Wildlife \(649\) Statement of Work](#) - New

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

Section IV – Standards and Specifications

Forage Harvest Management (511) CRP Interim Specification, July 2013

Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548) CRP Interim Specification, February 2012

Irrigation Water Management (449) Job Sheet 2, May 2014

Irrigation Water Management (449) Specification, May 2014

Prescribed Grazing (528) CRP Interim Specification, July 2013

Range Seeding (550) CRP Interim Specification, February 2012

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 http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx.

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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.

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