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**COLORADO FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE**  
**TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE 695**

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**Purpose.** This notice transmits changes to the Colorado Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

**Explanation of FOTG Changes:**

**Section I, Cost Data**

[Regional Payment Scenario Details FY16](#). New.

[Payment Scenario Details FY16, CAPs](#). New.

[FY16 Payment Schedule, CAPs](#). New.

[FY16 Payment Schedule, EQIP, Initiatives](#). New.

[FY16 Payment Schedule, EQIP, East Slope](#). New.

[FY16 Payment Schedule, EQIP, East Slope, HU](#). New.

[FY16 Payment Schedule, EQIP, West Slope](#). New.

[FY16 Payment Schedule, EQIP, West Slope, HU](#). New.

[Conservation Activity Plan \(CAP\) FY 2015 Payment Rates](#). Archived.

[Payment Templates - FY 2015](#). Archived.

**Section I, Technical Notes, Biology**

[TN Bio 40, Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guides \(WHEG\)](#). Revision. Provides a complete listing and use of Colorado's approved Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guides. The revision does not make changes to any of the WHEG's.

[Biology Technical Note 08, Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guides \(WHEG\)](#). Archived. This document was merged into the revised Biology Technical Note 40.

**Section II, Special Environmental Concerns, Threatened and Endangered Species**

[WLFW Planner Roster](#). Revision. The roster was updated 01-06-16, the last update was 05-26-15.

[Protected Species Record Search](#). New. Provided for NRCS conservation planners to help identify when federal, state or Tribal protected species, or their habitats, may be present in the 'area of potential effect' (Environmental Evaluation, form NRCS-CPA-52, T&E worksheet).

- Planners will use the FOTG version for each report created. Species listing information changes often and only the FOTG version will be updated as listings change.

- Planners will have access to a corresponding shapefile which provides finer location details per species. The shapefile will be loaded on the field office data server F:\geodata\wildlife in early February of 2016.

Colorado Threatened, Endangered and Candidate Plant Species Map. Archived.

Colorado Rare Plant Field Guide 2002. Revised. Documented updated to the current version.

#### **Section II, NRCS Resource Plans**

[SGI Investment Strategy 2015-2018](#). New. The plan was officially relayed in Bulletin CO-300-16-1.

[SGI Investment Strategy, Overview Map](#). New.

[SGI Investment Strategy, GuSG Maps](#). New.

[SGI Investment Strategy, GrSG Maps](#). New.

#### **Section III, Legislated Programs, Wetland Conservation Compliance**

[WCC Job Approval Authority](#). Revision. The JAA roster will provide a current list of qualified NRCS employees (WCC agency experts) who have demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct the various tasks of wetland conservation compliance. The revision includes updated employee JAA.

#### **Section III, Legislated Programs, Wetland Conservation Compliance**

[WCC CO-CPA-32, Remote Sensing](#). New. Colorado form to review and document Food Security Act, Wetland Conservation Compliance wetland hydrology from remote sources. This approach uses protocol from National Food Security Act Manual (NFSAM), fifth edition, Part 527 (Circular 6, Dec. 2010) and the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation (Corps Manual), Part IV, with the use of the regional supplements.

Specifically, this form is used with NRCS Part 650, National Engineering Handbook, Chapter 19 - Hydrology Tools for Wetland Identification and Analysis (210–VI–NEH, September 2015), Part 650.1911 – Remote Sensing Applications.

This notice and each of the materials referenced can be accessed electronically through the Colorado Field Office Technical Guide at [http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx?Map=CO](http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?Map=CO). Materials indicated to be archived will be maintained at the NRCS State office in Denver, Colorado for a period of 10 years or longer as required by policy.

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