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

Explanation of FOTG Changes:

Section I, CO CNMP Workbook (relocated to Section III, Conservation Planning Guidance)

Section I, Reference Lists, Stream & Riparian

[Bioengineering for CO Streams](#). New. Living Streambanks: A Manual of Bioengineering Treatments for Colorado Streams, prepared by AloTerra Restoration Services, LLC, and Golder Associates, Inc., in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Final Draft: April 2016.

- This manual provides practitioners with bank stabilization design guidelines to be used during a more comprehensive river restoration strategy, and to better incorporate specific design elements that determine a bioengineering project's stability. The manual also includes recommendations on design decisions that minimize project risk during the period of greatest susceptibility to failure.

Section I, Reference Lists, Wildlife

[Mesic Habitat Planning Guide](#). New. A guide designed to help NRCS fulfill its commitment to mesic area conservation under the Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI). A summary of collective ideas to help facilitate state and local planning of beneficial practices. This is not intended to be a cookbook or a comprehensive list of all practices or planning considerations. Rather, the guide serves a resource to help staff across the range think strategically.

Section I, Reference Lists, Wetlands

[Colorado 2016 Wetland Plant List](#). Revised, replacing the prior posting of the 2014 list.

- Developed by The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), as part of an interagency effort with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the NRCS.
- The NWPL is used to determine whether the hydrophytic vegetation parameter is met when conducting wetland determinations under the Clean Water Act and the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act. Other applications of the list include wetland restoration, establishment, and enhancement projects.
- The list become effective on May 1, 2016 and will be used in any wetland delineation performed after this date. Delineations received prior to this date may still use the 2014 NWPL, or you may choose to use the 2016 list. Always reference the list used on any wetland delineation/determination forms.

Section I, Maps, General

[Colorado NRCS Administrative Boundaries](#). Revised. Map updated with Area 3 office change from La Junta to Rocky Ford.

Section II, Special Environmental Concerns, T&E

[Protected Species Record Search](#). Revised. Updated to include listing revisions.

- Effective July 20, 2016: The Lesser Prairie-Chicken has no legal status under the Endangered Species Act as either a listed or candidate species, and the final 4(d) rule is invalidated. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently undertaking a status review to determine whether listing is again warranted.
- For Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative projects/enrollment, the conservation plans will continue to follow the LPCI Biological Opinion and its Conservation Measures.

Section III, Conservation Planning Guidance

[Conservation Reserve Program \(CRP\) Planning Guidance](#). Revised guidance for planning CRP with appropriate NRCS conservation practices and provides guidance on use of existing and new contract management activities. There is a documentation page at the end that the producer must sign along with staff completion of applicable job sheets/implementation requirement or other documents as directed.

Section III, Conservation Planning Guidance, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) Planning Workbook

[CNMP template](#). New. Attached is a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) template which meets the new format as outlined in General Manual 190-405 (October 2015).

- The Manure Management Planner (MMP) software is currently being updated to generate output files in the new format. For those using MMP, this template can be used until the updated software version comes out.
- Most of the tables in the new template are the same (with a few minor adjustments) as those generated in the current version of MMP, but may have different table headings. In an effort to create a document that is more usable by the landowner, some of the sections from the old format have been removed from the new template resulting in only four sections (Signature Page, Farmstead, Crop and Pasture, and Nutrient Management).

[Colorado CAFO Permits \(CDPHE website\)](#). New. Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's website on animal and Livestock feeding operations. This website contains resources for Animal feeding operations (AFOs), Concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) and Housed commercial swine feeding operations (HCSFOs). Including environmental regulations, definition of AFOs, CAFOs, HCSFOs, Fact Sheets, Best Management Practices and Permits.

[Colorado CNMP Outline](#). Archived. Replaced by the CNMP Template.

[Contact Information](#). Archived. Replaced by the CNMP Template.

[Cover Page](#). Archived. Replaced by the CNMP Template.

[Signature Page](#). Archived. Replaced by the CNMP Template.

[Cultural Resources CO-SSC-2](#). Archived. Replaced by Colorado CAFO Permits (CDPHE website).

[Colorado CAFO Permit Application](#). Archived. Replaced by Colorado CAFO Permits (CDPHE website).

Colorado CAFO Permit Application, Appendix A. Archived. Replaced by Colorado CAFO Permits (CDPHE website).

Colorado CAFO Permit Deadlines. Archived. Replaced by Colorado CAFO Permits (CDPHE website).

Section IV, Planning Forms

CO-SSC-Assessment Forms CO SSC 01, 02 2016. Archived.

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