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Re: Transmit new and revised biology technical materials and one new practice standard. This is the **only** notice and copy of this information you will receive; you will **not** receive a hard copy. Please follow filing instructions in this notice. Copies of materials may be obtained from the Colorado NRCS web site e-FOTG.

This Technical Guide Notice:

- ❖ Cancels the following Biology Technical Notes found the hard copy 3-ring binder labeled Biology Technical Notes in the Field Office library:
 - 1 Habitat Preservation-Sage Grouse & Sagebrush Control
 - 6 Guidance for Aquaculture Operations
- ❖ Transmits reviewed or revised Biology Technical Notes found in the eFOTG in Section I, H. Technical Notes, Biology:
 - 4 Food and Cover Values of Selected Plant Materials for Wildlife-issues an electronic cover sheet
 - 5 Wetland Mapping Conventions for FSA Wetland Inventory-re-issues electronic version
 - 8 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guides (WHEG)-Moves the Colorado Wetland Evaluation Procedures Worksheet (COWET) from Biology Technical Note Number 26 to Number 8 with the rest of the habitat assessment models
 - 9 Aquaculture Resources-combines Biology Technical Note Number 6 with Number 9, providing links to the information that was covered in both 6 and 9.
 - 21 Wildlife Watering Facility Specification-issues electronic cover sheet
 - 22 Guidance for Establishing Wildlife Food Plots-issues electronic cover sheet
 - 24 American Kestrel Management Leaflet-issues electronic cover sheet
 - 26 Wetland Models-moves COWET from Number 26 to Number 8; issues electronic cover sheet for 26
 - 28 Burrowing Owls-renames electronic cover sheet
 - 29 Fish Passages-renames electronic cover sheet and file name
 - 30 Colorado Coldwater Fish Stream Habitat-issues electronic cover sheet
 - 31 Fishpond Management Fact Sheet-rename electronic cover sheet
 - 32 – 39 Species Management Leaflets-update links and electronic cover sheets
 - 40-48 issues and/or renames electronic cover sheets

- ❖ Revises Table 2, Conservation Planning Guide from Section III, C. Resource Quality Criteria for RMS of the eFOTG
- ❖ Issues Colorado Standard 322 and the Statement of Work for Standard 322, Channel Bank Vegetation, found in Section IV, A. Practice Standards and Specifications
- ❖ Issues revised index to Biology Technical Notes found in the eFOTG in Section I, H. Technical Notes, Biology:

Printing and Filing Instructions

District Conservationists are not required to maintain a hard copy of the FOTG in their respective Field Offices. A copy of the Colorado FOTG is maintained at the National Information Technology Center (NITC) Web Farm, which is available to NRCS employees through <https://my.nrcs.usda.gov>.

This notice is filed in [Section I - Transmittals Index](#), which is now in PDF format to comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1998.

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