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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE 109

Purpose. To transmit technical documents to be inserted into the local FOTG.

Effective. This notice is effective when received.

The enclosed materials shall be filed in the appropriate section of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) in accordance to these filing instructions. Electronic copies of these materials may be found in the eFOTG located at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/.

SECTION I

Cost Data, Program Cost Lists – EQIP, WHIP and COMVEG cost lists have been revised for the 2006 program year.

Laws, Regulations, and Local Ordinances, Table of Contents - The Table of Contents has been revised to reflect the addition of the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method under 1(b)5.

Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, Documentation for Certified Wetland Determinations - The HEL and Wetland Determination Log form (FL-CPA-42) has been updated to reflect changes in national policy that occurred in 2005.

Wetland Functional Assessment - The Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) developed by the State of Florida was adopted for use by Florida NRCS in August 2005. It is a new addition to this subsection. The enclosed version has been reformatted for ease of use by NRCS.

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	Functional Assessment document dated, October 2005.
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SECTION II

Florida NRCS Plant List for Conservation Alternatives – This plant list is being provided in two formats, 1) sorted by common name, and 2) sorted by scientific name. Please refer to this plant list as the NRCS Florida accepted list of vegetation for solving resource concerns and for providing conservation planning alternatives.

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-----	Florida NRCS Plant List for Conservation Alternatives, February 2006, in Section II as the very first document in this binder.

SECTION IV

Section IV Table of Contents – Table of contents for Section IV is provided which includes reference to new materials associated with this change notice.

Planning and Implementation Guidance Information for Brush Management, Code 314 – Please refer to this newly developed guidance information when providing technical assistance on the implementation of Brush Management, Code 314.

Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mine Land, Code 543 – This conservation practice standard has been revised to reflect new technology.

Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land, Code 544 – This conservation practice standard has been revised to reflect new technology.

Tree/Shrub Pruning, Code 660 - This conservation practice standard has been revised to reflect new technology.

Guidance for Tree/Shrub Pruning, Code 660 – Please refer to this newly developed guidance information when providing technical assistance on the implementation of Tree/Shrub Pruning, Code 660.

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Section IV Table of Contents, December 2005	Section IV Table of Contents, February 2006
-----	Planning & Implementation Guidance Information for Brush Management, Code 314, February behind the Brush Management Job Sheet FL-314.
Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mine Land, Code 543, December 1984.	Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mine Land, Code 543, February 2006.
Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land, Code 544, December 1984.	Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land, Code 544, February 2006.

National Tree/Shrub Pruning, Code 660, August 2000.	Tree/Shrub Pruning, Code 660, February 2006.

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