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FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE

CHANGE NOTICE 123

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 Table of Contents – Table of Contents revised to reflect new information provided.

Payment Schedules – This page replaces previous information displayed as Cost List guidance.

State of Florida Payment Schedule Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program 2008 – The WHIP Payment Schedule is provided to assist in program implementation.

Cost Update Procedures & Actual Cost and Incentives Payment Diagram – Procedures and guidance for submitting new practices and associated costs are outlined and in diagram form to assist the field in making submissions.

Please replace pages 37 – 46 behind the Cost Data tab with pages 37 – 48 provided.

Federal, State and Local Laws Table of Contents - The Table of Contents has been revised to reflect a new subsection numbering format, and all documents in this Section have been renumbered. Subsection (1)(a) has been expanded to list the HEL Determination Letter templates and the location of items pertinent to the HEL Conservation Provisions that are not in this subsection of the hardcopy FOTG, see eFOTG.

Please replace ALL pages behind the State/Local Laws & Ordinances Tab with new pages provided. This is a reorganization effort to allow this portion of the FOTG to resemble the eFOTG organizational format. Please note that the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974, Page 1-5, September 2003 has been removed. All other content changes that have been made are outlined below:

(1.) Food Security Act

(b) Wetland Conservation Provisions

The URL for the Jacksonville District of the US Army Corps of Engineers’ Regulatory Division has changed. This revision has been incorporated into items 1, 3b, 3c, and 7.

3 Documentation for Certified Wetland Determinations

Editorial changes have been made and items have been added to the list to account for determinations that contain exemption or mitigation labels, or potential violations.

4 Florida Evaluation for Making Wetland Minimal Effect Determinations

This procedure has been revised to incorporate additional criteria in Step 2A and use of the FNAI Biodiversity Matrix in Step 2B. The cumulative effects analysis has been revised via incorporation into a functional unit loss calculation in Step 4A. Excerpts from F.A.C. Chapter 62-302 that are needed to complete Step 2A have been added to the eFOTG.

(4.) State Laws, Rules and Regulations

The Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (former Section (E)(2)(g)) has been removed for consistency.

(a) Florida Administrative Code webpage link

A printout of this webpage link from the eFOTG has been added to the hardcopy FOTG and assigned as subsection (4)(a).

(b) Florida Statutes webpage link

A printout of this webpage link from the eFOTG has been added to the hardcopy FOTG and assigned as subsection (4)(b).

(d) Florida Invasive Species Guidance

The former version of this document contained the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council’s 2005 List of Invasive Species for Category I Plants. It has now been split into two documents to decouple the Guidance from the invasive species list, since the list is updated every two years.

(e) Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council’s List of Invasive Plant Species

A printout of this webpage link from the eFOTG has been added to the hardcopy FOTG and assigned as subsection (4)(e).

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Cost Data Table of Contents, Page i, June 2007	Cost Data Table of Contents, page i, January 2008
Cost Lists, Page 32, May 2003	Payment Schedules, Page 32, January 2008 behind

	the Cost Data tab
----	State of Florida Payment Schedule Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program 2008, Page 37, January 2008 behind the Cost Data tab
----	Cost Update Procedures & Actual Cost and Incentives Payment Diagram, Page 45 and 46, January 2008 behind the Cost Data tab
Federal, State and Local Laws Table of Contents, Pages i – ii, December, 2007	Federal, State and Local Laws Table of Contents, Pages I, ii, January 2008
All contents presently behind Federal/State, Local Laws and Ordinances tab.	All new contents provided behind the Federal/State, Local Laws and Ordinances tab.

SECTION IV

Table of Contents – This table has been revised to include new information provided.

Cross Wind Ridges (589A) – Addition of Wind Erodibility Group (WEG) # 4 in Table 2 and items under the Plans and Specifications section that need to be documented to report this practice have been revised.

Cross Wind Ridges Jobsheet (589AJS) – New Job Sheet for this practice. Please note the new layout for Job Sheets to distinguish this document from the conservation practice standard.

Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till (345JS) – New Job Sheet for this practice.

Riparian Forest Buffer Conservation Practice Job Sheet – FL 391-JS - This Job Sheet has been developed for use in Florida and replaces the national Job Sheet currently available.

Water Facility, Code 614 - This practice standard has been revised to reflect new information, please review all contents.

Water Facility Conservation Practice Job Sheet - This practice standard Job Sheet has been revised to reflect new information, please review all contents.

Water Facility Construction Specifications, Code 614 - This practice standard Construction Specification has been revised to reflect new information, please review all contents.

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----	Cross Wind Ridges Jobsheet (589AJS), February 2008
----	Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till (345JS), February 2008
Riparian Forest Buffer Conservation Practice Job Sheet – FL 391, April 1997	Riparian Forest Buffer Conservation Practice Job Sheet – FL 391, January 2008
Water Facility, Code 614, September 2006	Water Facility, Code 614, January 2008
Water Facility Conservation Practice Job Sheet, 614, September 2006	Water Facility Conservation Practice Job Sheet, 614, January 2008

Water Facility Construction Specifications, Code 614, September 2006	Water Facility Construction Specifications, Code 614, January 2008
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