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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 389

This notice transmits the following revised conservation practice standards.

Conservation Practice Standards:

- Revised: **Grassed Waterway Practice Standard (412)** - The agency refined the definition and purpose slightly. The agency also modified the criteria to allow the use of state planting guides. The agency also clarified references to supporting practices. NRCS Kentucky retained the “alternative design” retardance methodology. NRCS Kentucky is also modifying the seeding requirements to make them more “user friendly”.
- Revised: **Roof Runoff Structure Practice Standard (558)** - The agency added inventory and assessment information, clarified the language and organization of the standard. The agency also added conditions and criteria capturing roof runoff for other uses and added considerations. Gutter sizing is now taken from the Agricultural Waste Field Handbook, NEH Part 651 Chapter 10, Appendix 10B.
- Revised: **Access Road Practice Standard (560)** - The agency revised the definition. The chart for the location of cross-slope drainage features was modified to include a variety of soils rather than a single soil. The Agency clarified references to supporting practices. NRCS Kentucky added language to clarify access road minimum and maximum widths.
- Revised: **Heavy Use Area Protection (561)** - The agency changed the units of this practice from acres to square feet to better reflect usage. The definition of this practice changed slightly. Criteria for the use of concrete and mulches were modified. Criteria for the use of vegetation and other material as a surface treatment was added. Considerations for animal health and air quality were added. The agency clarified references to supporting practices. NRCS Kentucky revised the list of gradations of stone to conform HUA to other practices that use HUAs. Base stone gradations are now KYDOH #3, #610 and DGA (Dense Grade Aggregate) for “all stone” HUAs. When used as a base for concrete or asphalt, #57 is also allowed if covered with 6 mil plastic. Surface stone gradations are now KYDOH #610, DGA or Class I sand.

Archived:

- Grassed Waterway Practice Standard (412) – November 2011
Roof Runoff Structure Practice Standard (558) – January 2013
Access Road Practice Standard (560) – June 2011
Heavy Use Area Protection (561) – October 2011

These documents go into effect upon receipt of this notice. The documents have been reviewed by the KY State Technical Guide Committee and approved for posting to eFOTG in Section IV/Conservation Practices by Mark Ferguson, State Resource Conservationist.

ACTION

Access eFOTG and download the documents as needed. Discontinue use of Archived material for new planning and contracting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Woodrich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "W".

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