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Purpose: To transmit information regarding the electronic NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG).

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Effective Date: This notice is effective upon receipt.

Notice of Changes:

Section II: The following new and/or updated technical materials have been placed in the eFOTG, Section II, Natural Resources Information:

- 1) Cultural Resources Information:

Fillable form for documenting cultural resource investigations:

Request for Cultural Resource Review

Additional information regarding emailing copies was clarified on the form.

- 2) Ecological Site Descriptions:

Hyperlink to Ecological Site Information System (ESIS)

ESIS is a web-based application utilized to enter, store, and retrieve forestry, windbreak, and ecological site descriptions.

Section III: The following new technical material has been added to eFOTG, Section III, Quality Criteria:

- 1) Human Considerations:

**Cultural Resources Considerations
Economic Considerations
Social Considerations**

Human Considerations must be considered in the development of Resource Management System Plans.

DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide



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Questions regarding these changes within the eFOTG should be directed to Gary Rinkenberger, Resource Conservationist, on (517) 324-5266.

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