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**TECHNICAL GUIDE
NOTICE #224 (electronic)**

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

Effective Date: This notice is effective upon receipt.

Notice of Changes:

SECTION I: General Resource References

B. Economic Cost Data

The **2009-2010 Custom Machine Work Rates** have been updated to the new 2009-2010 rates.

Technical questions should be addressed to June Moss, Agricultural Economist, at (517) 324-5280.

C. Maps

The map of **Federally Recognized Tribes** in Michigan has been reviewed and found to be up to date.

Technical questions should be addressed to Sandy Penn, Outreach Coordinator, at (517) 324-5261.

D. Erosion Prediction

Under **Water Erosion**, MOSES data files for 2006 and 2007 have been removed and archived.

Technical questions should be directed to Jerry Grigar, State Agronomist, at (517) 324-5250.

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SECTION III: Conservation Management Systems

H. Conservation Management Plans Technical Criteria

The **Forest Management Plan Criteria and Checklist** has been updated with the following changes:

- Added a “meets/does not meet the criteria” check box at the beginning to summarize the reviewers findings.
- “Acres of each management unit” was added to the Resource Descriptions section.
- Clarification that the month and year are required was added to Schedule for Implementation criterion in the Prescriptions section.

Technical questions should be directed to Andy Henriksen, State Forester, at (517) 324-5234.

SECTION IV: Standards and Specifications

A. Conservation Practice Standards

The following Conservation Practice Standard and job sheet was updated to reflect changes in the National Practice Standard. There were no changes to the CPPEs or Statement of Work.

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- Conditions Where Practice Applies - has new wording;
- Additional Criteria, subheading Fracture Restrictive Soil Layers - slight change in wording;
- Additional Criteria, subheading Bury or Mix Soil Deposits - slight change in wording and required minimum mixing depth;
- Considerations - several Criteria located here;
- References - added Michigan Agronomy Technical Notes Nos. 40 & 41;
- A new National Job Sheet has been added to item C. Michigan Conservation Sheets.

Technical questions should be directed to Jerry Grigar, State Agronomist, at (517) 324-5250.

Questions regarding FOTG content management should be directed to Ruth Shaffer, Water Quality Specialist, at (517) 324-5239.

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