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

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Notice of Changes

SECTION II Natural Resources Information

Forestry Information

In the **Conservation Tree/Shrub Suitability Guide (CTSG)** folder, the **Conservation Tree/Shrub Selection Tool** for Michigan has been updated to include information about commercial availability of species and species with planting restrictions in Michigan. Additionally, several new species of *Ribes* (gooseberries and currants) have been added to the tool.

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

Rose Lake Plant Materials Center

In the **PMC Collections/Studies/Forms** folder, all documents in the **Ash Seed Collection and Study Information** folder have been archived.

In the **PMC Releases** folder, the following **Grasses** information sheets have been archived:

Prairie View Big Bluestem (IN)
Prairie View Indiangrass (IN)
Prairie View Little Bluestem (IN)

Technical questions should be addressed to John Leif, Plan Material Center Manager, at (517) 641-6300.

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SECTION IV Practice Standards and Specifications

Conservation Practices

The following forestry conservation practice standards were reviewed and updated (typographical errors were corrected):

- Prescribed Burning (338)
- Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
- Tree/Shrub Pruning (660)
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

A pollinator consideration was added to the **Prescribed Burning (338)** conservation practice standard.

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The following biology conservation practice standards have been updated, to accept the national practice standard for Michigan:

- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)

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

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