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The following Monarch Butterfly Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide (WHEG) information has been posted on the Missouri FOTG under Section IV> Conservation Worksheets.

- ***Monarch WHEG and Decision Support Tool: Midwest Edition***
- ***Monarch WHEG Datasheet***
- ***Monarch WHEG Rapid Screening of Low-Value Plant Communities***

The Midwest Sub-region of the Monarch Habitat Development Project developed the attached NRCS Monarch WHEG Decision Support Tool and associated WHEG Datasheet for the Monarch Butterfly Midwest Version 1.1 (Monarch WHEG Datasheet). These documents are planning support tools for staff and will guide planners through implementation of conservation practices for the Monarch Butterfly.

Missouri staff also developed the NRCS Monarch Butterfly WHEG for Rapid Screening of Low-Value Plant Communities: Missouri Edition, also attached. The purpose of this document is to guide planners through Step 1 and Step 2 of the Monarch WHEG Datasheet, when screening Crop, Monotypic Grasses, or Brush Communities that do not contain milkweed and/or nectaring species.

Questions concerning the Monarch WHEG should be directed to the respective Area Biologist.

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