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**TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 212**

This notice announces the posting of Section I—General Resource References, Section III—Resource Management Systems and Quality Criteria, and Section IV—Conservation Practice Standards, Specifications and Job Sheets to the Montana eFOTG.

This update can be accessed on the Montana eFOTG website under Sections I and IV of the FOTG. You can access the Montana eFOTG site at <http://my.nrcs.usda.gov> or <http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov>.

**Note: The State Office will maintain an archived copy of all updated information. Field Offices need to remove outdated files, but do not need to archive.**

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<b><u>REMOVE</u></b>	<b><u>INSERT</u></b>
<b>FOTG, Section I—General Information</b>	<b>FOTG, Section I—General Information</b>
After I-Maps Tab, insert Table of Contents - May 2010.	After I-Maps Tab, insert Table of Contents – May 2012.
Remove USDA–Plant Hardiness Zone Map for Montana, ARS Publication Number 1475 (1990) for years 1974 through 1986.	Insert USDA–Plant Hardiness Zone Map for Montana, ARS/Oregon State University for years 1975 through 2005 that is located at: <a href="http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/">http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/</a>

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<b>FOTG, Section III—Resource Management Systems and Quality Criteria (Legislative Programs)</b>	<b>FOTG, Section III—Resource Management Systems and Quality Criteria (Legislative Programs)</b>
Table of Contents, pages MT-i and MT-ii dated January 2012.	Table of Contents, pages MT-i and MT-ii dated May 2012.
Matrix of Wetland Job Approvals for Montana, Page 1 dated January 2012 after Evaluation of Criteria Worksheet for Farmstead Area for CSP–Tier III.	Matrix of Wetland Job Approvals for Montana, Pages 1 and 2 dated May 2012 after Evaluation of Criteria Worksheet for Farmstead Area for CSP–Tier III.
<b>FOTG, Section IV—Conservation Practice Standards, Specifications, and Job Sheets</b>	<b>FOTG, Section IV—Conservation Practice Standards, Specifications, and Job Sheets</b>
Table of Contents – January 2012.	Table of Contents – May 2012.
342–Critical Area Planting (ac), Standard, pages 342-1 through 342-3 dated February 2009; Specification, pages Specification MT342-1 through Specification MT342-8 dated February 2009; Job Sheet, pages MT342-JS1 through MT342-JS4 dated February 2009.	342–Critical Area Planting (ac), Standard, pages 342-1 through 342-5 dated May 2012; combined Specification/Job Sheet, pages 1 through Specification/Job Sheet MT342-10 dated May 2012.
382–Fence (ft), Standard, pages 382-1 through 382-3 dated November 2009.	382–Fence (ft), Standard, pages 382-1 and 382-2 dated May 2012.
666–Forest Stand Improvement (ac): Specification, pages Specification MT666-1 through Specification MT666-7; Job Sheet, pages MT666A-JS1 through MT666A-JS3 both dated June 2011.	666–Forest Stand Improvement (ac): Specification, pages Specification MT666-1 through Specification MT666-7; Job Sheet, pages MT666A-JS1 through MT666A-JS3 both dated May 2012.
655–Forest Trails and Landings (ft), Standard, pages 655-1 through 655-3; Specification, pages Specification MT655-1 through Specification MT655-7; Job Sheet, pages MT655-JS1 through MT655-JS5 all dated June 2011.	655–Forest Trails and Landings (ft), Standard, pages 655-1 through 655-3; Specification, pages Specification MT655-1 through Specification MT655-7; Job Sheet, pages MT655-JS1 through MT655-JS5 all dated May 2012.
383–Fuel Break (ac), Standard, pages 383-1 through 383-3; Specification, Forested Area, pages Specification MT383A-1 through Specification MT383A-3 and Specification, Structures, pages Specification MT383B-1 through Specification MT383B-5; Job Sheet, Forested Area, pages MT383A-JS1 through MT383A-JS4 and Job Sheet, Structures, pages MT383B-JS1 through MT383B-JS4 all dated June 2011.	383–Fuel Break (ac), Standard, pages 383-1 through 383-3; Specification, Forested Area, pages Specification MT383A-1 through Specification MT383A-3 and Specification, Structures, pages Specification MT383B-1 through Specification MT383B-5; Job Sheet, Forested Area, pages MT383A-JS1 through MT383A-JS4 and Job Sheet, Structures, pages MT383B-JS1 through MT383B-JS4 all dated May 2012.

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441—Irrigation System, Microirrigation (ac), Standard, pages 441-1 through 441-5 dated December 2008.	441—Irrigation System, Microirrigation (ac), Standard, pages 441-1 through 441-5 dated May 2012.
442—Irrigation System, Sprinkler (ac), Standard, pages 442-1 through 442-9 dated June 2006.	442—Irrigation System, Sprinkler (ac), Standard, pages 442-1 through 442-9 dated May 2012.
443—Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (ac), Standard, pages 443-1 through 443-7 dated November 2010.	443—Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (ac), Standard, pages 443-1 through 443-7 dated May 2012.
449—Irrigation Water Management (ac), Standard, pages 449-1 through 449-4 dated December 2008.	449—Irrigation Water Management (ac), Standard, pages 449-1 through 449-4 dated May 2012.
528—Prescribed Grazing (ac), Standard, pages 528-1 through 528-6 dated February 2009; Specification, pages Specification MT528-1 through Specification MT528-14 dated February 2009; Job Sheet, pages MT528-JS1 and MT528-JS2 dated August 2010.	528—Prescribed Grazing (ac), Standard, pages 528-1 through 528-5 dated May 2012; Specification, pages Specification MT528-1 through Specification MT528-14 dated May 2012; Job Sheet, pages MT528-JS1 and MT528-JS2 dated May 2012.
645—Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac), Job Sheet, pages MT645-JS1 and JS2, dated August 2010 (file alphabetically): Wildlife Visibility – Fence Marking after White-Tailed Deer or Mule Deer Job Sheet.	645—Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac), Job Sheet, pages MT645-JS1 and JS2, dated May 2012 (file alphabetically): Wildlife Visibility – Fence Marking after White-Tailed Deer or Mule Deer Job Sheet.
657—Wetland Restoration (ac), Specification, pages Specification MT657-1 through Specification MT657-5 dated June 2011.	657—Wetland Restoration (ac), Specification, pages Specification MT657-1 through Specification MT657-5 dated May 2012.

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