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## TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 126

This notice announces the posting of an updated Table of Contents for Section IV—Practice Standards and Specifications to the Montana eFOTG. Additionally, posted are new and updated standards, specifications, and conservation practice job sheets—which have been updated to reflect the current technology, National Policy, and Montana NRCS policy in Section IV—Practice Standards and Specifications of the Montana FOTG.

These updates can be accessed on the Montana eFOTG website under Section IV—Practice Standards and Specifications of the FOTG. You can access the Montana eFOTG site at <http://my.nrcs.usda.gov> or [www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov).

**NOTE - The State Office will maintain an archived copy of all outdated Practice Standards and associated specifications and job sheets on the Montana eFOTG site under Section IV, Conservation Practices. Field Offices need to remove outdated files, but do not need to archive.**

The new and updated practice standards, specifications, and conservation job sheets are listed below:

- 560—Access Road: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 311—Alley Cropping: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 365—Anaerobic Digester—Ambient Temperature: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 366—Anaerobic Digester—Controlled Temperature: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 402—Dam: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 393—Filter Strip: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATIONS, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 394—Firebreak: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATIONS, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 490—Forest Site Improvement: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 666—Forest Stand Improvement: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 561—Heavy Use Area Protection: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 320—Irrigation Canal or Lateral: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 443—Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 428C—Irrigation Water Conveyance Ditch and Canal Lining, Galvanized Steel: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 460—Land Clearing: PRACTICE STANDARD.

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The new and updated practice standards, specifications, and conservation job sheets are continued below:

- 543–Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mined Land: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 544–Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 457–Mine Shaft and Adit Closing: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 590–Nutrient Management: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 595–Pest Management: PRACTICE STANDARD AND CONSERVATION JOB SHEET.
- 338–Prescribed Burning: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 391–Riparian Forest Buffer: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 350–Sediment Basin: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 612–Tree/Shrub Establishment: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 660–Tree/Shrub Pruning: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 313–Waste Storage Facility: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 359–Waste Treatment Lagoon: PRACTICE STANDARD.
- 633–Waste Utilization: CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 648–Wildlife Watering Facility: SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 380–Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.
- 650–Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation: PRACTICE STANDARD, SPECIFICATION, CONSERVATION JOB SHEETS.

**Filing Instructions:**

**REMOVE**

**FOTG, Section IV–Practice Standards and Specifications:**

Table of Contents, pages 1 through 11, dated December 2003. Archive.

560–Access Road (FEET), Standard, pages 560-1 through 560-4, dated April 2002. Archive.

311–Alley Cropping (ACRE), Standard, pages MT311-1 through MT311-4, dated January 2000; Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages 1 through 4, dated April 1997. Archive.

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**FOTG, Section IV–Practice Standards and Specifications:**

Table of Contents, pages 1 through 11, dated March 2004.

560–Access Road (FEET), Standard, pages 560-1 through 560-, dated February 2004.

311–Alley Cropping (ACRE), Standard, pages 311-1 through 311-3, dated March 2004; Specification, pages Specification MT311-1 through MT311-5; Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT311-JS1 through MT311-JS5, dated March 2004.

**Filing Instructions CONTINUED:**REMOVE**FOTG, Section IV–Practice Standards and Specifications:**

402–Dam, (~~Floodwater Retarding~~), (NUMBER AND ACRE-FEET), National Supplement, page 402-NS-1, dated July 1989; Statewide, page 402-1, dated July 1989; Specification, page 420-3, dated July 1989; Montana Supplement, page 402-S-1, dated April 1979;

349–Dam, (~~Multiple Purpose~~) (NUMBER AND ACRE-FEET), National Supplement 349-NS-1, dated July 1989; Statewide, page 349-1; Specification, pages 349-3, dated July 1989; Montana Supplement, page 349-S-1, dated April 1979. Archive.

393–FilterStrip (ACRE), Standard, pages MT393A-1 through MT393A-7, dated August 2000; Montana Conservation Practice Specification, pages Specification MT393A-1 through MT393A-2, dated August 2000. Archive.

394–Firebreak (FEET), Standard, pages 394-1 through 394-4; Montana Conservation Practice Specification, pages Specification MT394-1 through MT394-6; Montana Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT394-JS1 through MT394-JS6, all dated June 2003. Archive.

INSERT**FOTG, Section IV–Practice Standards and Specifications:**

365–Anaerobic Digester–Ambient Temperature (NUMBER), Standard, pages 365-1 through 365-6, dated February 2004.

366–Anaerobic Digester–Controlled Temperature (NUMBER), Standard, pages 366-1 through 366-6, dated February 2004.

402–Dam (NUMBER AND ACRE-FEET), Standard, pages 402-1 through 402-5, dated January 2004.

393–FilterStrip (ACRE), Standard, pages MT393-1 through MT393-6, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Specification MT-393-1 through MT393-3, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Job Sheet MT393-JS1 through MT393-JS5, dated March 2004.

394–Firebreak (FEET), Standard, pages 394-1 through 394-4; Montana Conservation Practice Specifications 394A–Open Area, pages Specification MT394A-1 through MT394A-3, 394B–Forested Area, pages Specification MT394B-1 through MT394B-3, CONTINUED

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490–Forest Site Preparation (ACRE), Standard, pages 490-1 through 490-4, dated August 2001; Montana Conservation Practice Specification/Job Sheet, pages Specification MT490-1 through MT490-4, dated August 2001. Archive.

666–Forest Stand Improvement (ACRE), Standard, pages 666-1 through 666-6, dated August 2001; Montana Conservation Practice Specification/Job Sheet, pages MT666A-1 through MT666A-2, dated August 2001; Conservation Practice Specification Sheet, pages MT-ECS-666A(1) through MT-ECS-666A/B(5), dated August 2002. Archive.

561–Heavy Use Area Protection (ACRE), Standard, pages 561-1 through 561-4, all dated September 2002. Archive.

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**FOTG, Section IV–Practice Standards and Specifications:**

MT394C–Structures, pages Specification MT394C-1 through MT394C-5; Montana Conservation Practice Job Sheets 394A–Open Area, pages Job Sheet MT394A-JS1 through MT394A-JS5, 394B–Forested Area, pages Job Sheet MT394B-JS1 through MT394B-JS3, 394C–Structures, pages Job Sheet MT394C-JS1 through MT394C-JS4, all dated January 2004.

490–Forest Site Preparation (ACRE), Standard, pages 490-1 through 490-2, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Specification, pages Specification MT490-1 through MT490-3, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT490-JS1 through MT490-JS4, dated March 2004.

666–Forest Stand Improvement (ACRE), Standard, pages 666-1 through 666-3, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Specification, pages MT666-1 through MT666-7, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages MT-ECS-666A-JS1 through MT-ECS-666A-JS3, MT-ECS-666B-JS1 through MT-ECS-666B-JS3, dated March 2004.

561–Heavy Use Area Protection (ACRE), Standard, pages 561-1 through 561-4, dated February 2004.

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320–Irrigation Canal or Lateral (FEET), National Supplement, page 320-NS-1, dated July 1989; Statewide, page 320-1 and 320-2; Specification, page 320-3, all dated July 1989; Montana Supplement, page 320-S-1, dated April 1979. Archive.

443–Irrigation System, Surface, and Subsurface, (NUMBER AND ACRE), National Supplement, page 443-NS-1, Statewide, pages 443-1 and 443-2, all dated July 1989. Archive.

428C–Irrigation Water Conveyance Galvanized Steel Ditch and Canal Lining, (FEET), National Supplement, page 428-C-NS-1; Statewide, page 428C-1 and 428C-2; Specifications, page 428C-3, all dated July 1989; Montana Supplement, page 428-C-S-1, dated April 1979. Archive.

460–Land Clearing (ACRE), National, Supplement, page 460-NS-1; Statewide, page 460-1, both dated July 1989. Achieve.

543–Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mine Land (ACRE), Standard, pages 543-1 through 543-4, dated September 2002. Archive.

544–Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land (ACRE), Statewide, pages 544-1 through 544-2, dated July 1989; National Supplement, page 544-NS-1, dated July 1989. Archive.

457–Mine Shaft and Adit Closing (NO.), Standard, pages 457-1 through 457-4, dated September 2002. Archive.

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590–Nutrient Management (ACRE), Standard, pages 590-1 and 590-2, 590-5 and 590-6, and 590-7 and 590-8; Specification, pages Specification MT590-1 and MT590-2; Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT590-1 and MT590-2, and pages Job Sheet MT590-3 and MT590-4, all dated July 2002. Archive.

595–Pest Management (ACRE), Standard, pages 595-1 through 595-5, dated January 2003; Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT-595B-JS3 through MT-595B-JS4, dated January 2003. Archive

338–Prescribed Burning (ACRE), Standard, pages MT338-1 through MT338-15, dated April 1999. Archive.

391–Riparian Forest Buffer (ACRE), Standard, pages 391-1 through 391-6, dated August 2002; Montana Conservation Practice Specification, pages Specification MT391-1 through MT391-10, dated August 2002; Montana Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT391-JS1 through MT391-JS6, dated August 2002. Archive.

350–Sediment Basin (NUMBER), National Supplement, page 350-NS-1; Statewide, page 350-1; Specifications, page 350-3, all dated July 1989; Montana Supplement, page 350-S-1, dated April 1979. Archive.

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590–Nutrient Management (ACRE), Standard, pages 590-1, and 590-2, dated February 2004, and pages 590-5, dated July 2002, and 590-6, 590-7, and 590-8, dated February 2004; Specification, pages Specification MT590-1, dated July 2002, and Specification MT590-2, dated February 2004; Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT590-1, dated February 2004, and Job Sheet MT590-2, dated July 2002, and pages Job Sheet MT590-3 and MT590-4, both dated February 2004.

595–Pest Management (ACRE), Standard, pages 595-1 through 595-5, dated March 2004; Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT-595B-JS3 through MT-595B-JS4, dated April 2004.

338–Prescribed Burning (ACRE), Standard, pages 338-1 through 338-2, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Specification, pages Specification MT338-1 through MT338-7, dated March 2004; Exhibit 1 (3 pages), dated March 2004; Exhibit 2 (5 pages), dated March 2004.

391–Riparian Forest Buffer (ACRE), Standard, pages 391-1 through 391-6, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Specification, pages Specification MT391-1 through MT391-9, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT391-JS1 through MT391-JS6, dated March 2004.

350–Sediment Basin (NUMBER), Standard, pages 350-1 through 350-2, dated February 2004.

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612–Tree /Shrub Establishment (ACRE), Standard, pages MT612-1 through MT612-5, dated August 2000; Montana Conservation Practice Specification/Job Sheet, pages Specification MT612-1 through MT612-4, dated August 2000. Archive.

660–Tree/Shrub Pruning (ACRE), Standard, pages MT660-1 through MT660-4, dated August 2000; Montana Conservation Practice Specification Sheet, pages Specification MT-ECS-660(1) through MT-ECS-660(4), dated August 2002. Archive.

313–Waste Storage Facility (NUMBER), Standard, pages 313-1 through 313-7, dated March 2000. Archive.

359–Waste Treatment Lagoon (NUMBER), Standard, pages 359-1 through 359-5, dated April 2002. Archive.

633–Waste Utilization (ACRE), Specification/Job Sheet, pages Specification MT633-3 and MT633-4, dated August 2001. Archive.

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660–Tree/Shrub Pruning (ACRE), Standard, pages MT660-1 through MT660-2, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Specification, pages Specification MT660-1 through MT660-4, dated March 2004; Montana Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT660-JS1 through MT660-JS4, dated March 2004.

313–Waste Storage Facility (NUMBER), Standard, pages 313-1 through 313-7, dated February 2004.

359–Waste Treatment Lagoon (NUMBER), Standard, pages 359-1 through 359-5, dated February 2004.

633–Waste Utilization (ACRE), Specification/Job Sheet, pages Specification MT633-3 and MT633-4, dated February 2004.

648–Wildlife Watering Facility (NUMBER), Montana Conservation Practice Specification, pages Specification MT648-1 through MT648-5; Montana Conservation Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet MT648-JS1 through MT648-JS2, dated February 2004, directly behind 648–Wildlife Watering Facility, Standard, page Standard MT648-3, dated March 2000.

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380–Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment,  
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MT380-7, dated January 2000; Conservation  
Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet 1 through  
4, dated April 1997. Archive.

650–Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation  
(FEET), Standard, pages MT650-1 through  
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through MT380-9, dated March 2004;  
Montana Conservation Practice Job Sheet,  
pages Job Sheet MT380-JS1 through  
MT380-JS5, dated March 2004.

650–Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation  
(FEET), Standard, pages 650-1 through  
650-3, dated March 2004; Montana  
Conservation Practice Specification, pages  
Specification MT650-1 through MT650-6,  
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Practice Job Sheet, pages Job Sheet  
MT650-JS1 through MT650-JS4, dated  
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Enclosures

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