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The first two numbers on the technical guide notice represent the fiscal year (2010). The last two numbers represent the notice number for the year.

Important: Please “Reload Domain Data”, which is located under “File” on the main toolbar in Customer Service Toolkit, on all computers. Reloading Domain data will insure the Toolkit user has updated practices and narratives from Conservation Practice Standards.

Per North Carolina supplement to the General Manual 120, Part 403 only FOTG Sections I and IV are required to be maintained in hardcopy format. Technical References are no longer required to be maintained in hard copy, however if they are maintained then references may be kept in file drawers. If additional directives are printed and maintained for office use, these files must be updated with the latest releases, versions, and supplements. Obtain copies for printing from NRCS FOTG website.

Please take the following action in the hard copies of the Field Office Technical Guide:

Section I

File in Section I behind the Reference List tab behind the NC Technical References tab. Discard old versions.

- Conservation Planning Technical References
- Engineering Technical References
- Pasture/Hayland Technical References

Note the following additions to Section I in FOTG

- Under Erosion Prediction folder, Wind Erosion is the Principles of Wind Erosion Control and the Wind Erosion Equation with Factor Values for North Carolina

Section III

File the following in the new Conservation Activity Plans Technical Criteria folder.

- Integrated Pest Management Plan Criteria
- Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition Plan Criteria

File the following in Resource Quality Criteria for RMS under Animal. Discard Wildlife Habitat Suitability Index dated February 2006.

- Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Procedure (Note: Name changed from Wildlife Habitat Suitability Index)

Section IV

Print the following from FOTG; file at the front of Section IV. Discard old version.

- Conservation Practice Index - Standards and Specifications (rev. January 2010)

Print the following revised standards from FOTG and file alphabetically.

- Fence (382)
- Residue Management, Seasonal (344)
- Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (654)
- Wetland Restoration (657)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)



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Section IV continued

Note the following new or revised Job Sheet additions to Section IV in FOTG. Dates on the job sheets reflect the dates they were created.

- Access Road (560) *New*
- Fence (382) *Link added to access Job Sheet*
- Fuel Break (383) *New*
- Heavy Use Area Protection (561) *New*
- Hedgerow Planting (422) *Revised*
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512) *Revised*
- Pipeline (516) *New*
- Spring Development (574) *New*
- Stream Crossing (578) *New*
- Water Well (642) *New*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew R. Flint".

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