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Important: Toolkit users must “Reload Domain Data” at this time insure the Toolkit user has updated practices and narratives from Conservation Practice Standards. Complete the Reload Domain Data by clicking on the command located under “File” on the main toolbar in Customer Service Toolkit, on each computer running Toolkit.

Please note the following revisions are hereby made to the North Carolina Field Office Technical Guide.

Only FOTG Sections I and IV are required to be maintained in hardcopy format at field offices (NC supplement G.M. 120, Part 403). Any FOTG sections that are printed and maintained for office use must be kept up-to-date with the latest releases, versions, and supplements. Obtain any needed FOTG documents for printing from NRCS eFOTG website:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map .

Section I

Note in Section I behind the Cost Data tab behind Practice Payment Schedules

- The following FY2012 EQIP & WHIP Practice Payment Schedules have been added:
 - 118 Irrigation Water Management (Irrigation Efficiency)
 - 314 Brush Management (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 315 Herbaceous Weed Control (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 327 Conservation Cover (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 338 Prescribed Burning (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 342 Critical Area Planting (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 382 Fence (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 386 Field Border (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 394 Firebreak (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 422 Hedgerow Planting (AWEP)
 - 430 Irrigation Pipeline (Irrigation Efficiency)
 - 441 Irrigation System Micro Irrigation (Irrigation Efficiency)
 - 442 Irrigation System Sprinkler (Irrigation Efficiency)
 - 449 Irrigation Water Management (Irrigation Efficiency)
 - 472 Access Control (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 484 Mulching (AWEP)
 - 490 Tree and Shrub Site Preparation (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 512 Forage and Biomass Planting (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 533 Pumping Plant (Irrigation Efficiency)
 - 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 643 Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 647 Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 655 Forest Trails and Landings (WHIP) (WLFW)
 - 666 Forest Stand Improvement (WHIP) (WLFW)

Section IV

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

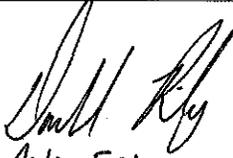
- Conservation Practice Index - Standards and Specifications (*rev. July 2012*)

Print the following updated standards from eFOTG and file alphabetically. Discard old version. Retain any existing Supplements, Specifications or Notekeeping documents.

- Forage and Biomass Planting (512)

Note the following revised Job Sheets in Section IV in eFOTG. .

- Contour Buffer Strips (332)
- Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area (331)
- Cover Crop (340) *Format change only on April 2012 standard.*
- Mulching (484)
- Residue Management, Seasonal (344)



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