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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE ND-116

This notice announces the following additions/revisions to the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG):

Section I

- Two subfolders, *ENG Cost Share Guidelines FY2007* and *ENG Cost Share Guidelines FY 2006- Prior* have been added to the Cost Data folder. These subfolders contain documents with the guidelines for cost share on engineering practice components for the year designated in the title of the subfolders.
- A hard copy of 2007 North Dakota Custom Rates – Part II – Late Season Operation is being sent to each NRCS office. Please file this in the Agricultural Statistics section of FOTG Reference File. Links for North Dakota Custom Rates are located in Cost Data folder
- A link to *Key Tribal Policies, Procedures, and Partnerships - A Reference Guide for NRCS Employees* has been added to the Laws folder. This is an annotated bibliography of laws and NRCS documents concerning NRCS policies that affect tribal relations activities.
- The fact sheet, *Using Windbreaks to Manage Odor from Livestock Facilities* has been added to Reference Subjects – Windbreaks and Woodlands subfolder. It details unique ways to use windbreaks. Although developed in Illinois, the principles also apply to North Dakota. Since this concept is so new and has been utilized so few times across the nation, field offices should contact the NRCS State forester for onsite design assistance.
 - **Please note:** North Dakota practice 380 – Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment is scheduled for revision to include odor management criteria.

Section II

- Soil Information and Climatic Data subfolders have been streamlined to make file and web link arrangement more user-friendly.

Section IV

- Conservation practice 648-Wildlife Watering Facility has been removed. Design criteria for wildlife watering tanks (guzzlers) will be added to practice 614-Watering Facility at a later date. In the interim, contact the State Biologist for site-specific assistance.
- Conservation practice 516 - *Pipeline Operation and Maintenance* has been revised. A table containing compressed air recommendations for evacuating pipelines for freeze protection has been added to the document.
- *Expected 20-Year Tree Heights and Windbreak Suitability Group Descriptions* document has been duplicated in Conservation Practices – Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment – 380 subfolder. The document is also located in Section II – Windbreaks and Forest subfolder.
- *Cropland Resource Management System Fact Sheet* has been placed in Conservation Practices – Conservation Crop Rotation – 328 subfolder and in the Fact Sheet subfolder.
- *Statement Of Work* has been added to Conservation Practices – Pasture and Hay Planting – 512 subfolder.
- Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment – 548 *Standard* has been updated commensurate with the National Handbook of Conservation Practices. North Dakota does not have additional guidance for the practice; therefore, site-specific plans need approval by the State Rangeland Management Specialist.

Please direct ENG Cost Share Guideline questions to Wes Wiedenmeyer at (701) 530-2086 or wes.weidenmeyer@nd.usda.gov.

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