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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE ND-126

This notice transmits revisions to the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) as follows:

Section I:

- Herbaceous Vegetation Establishment Guide (HVEG) has been revised as follows:
 - New grass, forb and shrub species have been added to all tables
 - Acceptable variety list has been updated (Table 2)
 - Plant codes have been added to all species
 - List of acceptable states for the origin of common forbs has been expanded (see Section 5. D and Table 2)
 - Guidance related to broadcast seeding method in Section 3. C has been updated
 - Guidance related to air seeders in Section 3. D has been updated
- Tree Care and Management, located in Reference Subjects – Windbreaks and Woodland (and also linked under various conservation practices in Section IV of the FOTG) has been revised to clarify seeding rates and techniques used to establish blue grama and sideoats grama between tree rows.

Section III:

- The conservation activity plan (CAP) Oil Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan Criteria (150) has been renamed to Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan Criteria (150).

Section IV:

- Range Planting (550) has been updated as follows:
 - Table 1 has been updated with new seeding mixture recommendations for some ecological sites
 - New ecological sites added to Table 1
 - New grasses, forbs and shrubs have been added to Table 1
- ND-CPA-9 – Planning or Data Sheet for Grass And/Or Legume Seeding has been updated as follows:
 - New grasses, forbs and shrubs have been added to the species choice list
 - Seeding rates have been reviewed and errors corrected
 - Broadcast seeding rates have been revised to 1.5 times full seeding rates



- Conservation practices Critical Area Planting (342) and Filter Strip (393) seeding rates have been revised (update to Filter Strip Specification is expected within the next two weeks)
- Pollinator seeding has been added to the pull-down menu for “Planned Use”
- Pollinator seeding rates are the same for both drill and broadcast seeding methods
- The following conservation practice standards have been updated:
 - Trails and Walkways (568)
 - Surface Drain, Field Ditch (607)
 - Surface Drain, Main or Lateral (608)
- The Warm-Season Grass Cover Between Tree Rows Fact Sheet has been revised to clarify seeding rates and techniques used to establish blue grama and sideoats grama between tree rows.
- A new Fact Sheet, Tree Shelter Installation and Maintenance, has been posted in the Fact Sheet section and in various pertinent conservation practice documents.

Question concerning the Range Planting (550) Specification and ND-CPA-9 may be directed to Jeff Printz, Rangeland Management Specialist, at (701)530-2080 or jeff.printz@nd.usda.gov. Questions concerning the Herbaceous Vegetation Establishment Guide may be directed to Jeff Printz or Dwight Tober, Plant Materials Specialist, at (701)530-2075 or dwight.tober@nd.usda.gov. Questions concerning the engineering conservation practice standards and the SPCC may be directed to Jill Helmuth, Ag Engineer, at (701) 530-2086 or jill.helmuth@nd.usda.gov. Question concerning the Fact Sheets may be directed to Craig Stange, Forester, at (701) 530-2082 or craig.stange@nd.usda.gov.

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