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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE ND-127

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

Section I:

- *North Dakota Lateral Effect Policy*, a North Dakota Supplement to the Engineering Field Handbook, - Engineering and Reference Subjects – Wetlands
- *Seeding Pollinator Plots* is a new publication. In the Reference Subjects – Plant Materials webpage, click the *Publications* link under the NRCS Bismarck Plant Materials Center (PMC) section in the top portion of the webpage or access at <http://www.plant-materials.nrcs.usda.gov/pubs/ndpmctn10293.pdf>.
- *Field Determination of Soil Component Windbreak Suitability Groups* was revised and posted in May 2010. This update announcement was inadvertently missed in Technical Guide Notice 122.

Section IV:

- **Agricultural Secondary Containment Facility (710)**
 - Statement Of Work has been added to the conservation practice list.
- **Critical Area Planting (342) Specification**
 - Smooth brome grass and Kentucky bluegrass have been removed from the list of permitted species for critical area plantings.
 - Seeding rates have been changed to 150% of full seeding rate for both drill and broadcast seeding methods.
 - Meadow brome grass and green wheatgrass have been added to the list of acceptable tame bunchgrass species.
- **Fence (382) Specification**
 - Line posts** (page 4)
 - A. Material
 1. Fiberglass or other compound type posts will be a composite of polypropylene, marble, wood fiber/"flour", fiberglass, and/or polymer resin that has been treated by thermosetting (heat treatment) and UV protected. Posts will be a minimum of 7/8 inch x 7/8inch T-shape or 7/8-inch diameter round, with notches or holes located for proper wire spacing.



- **Forage and Biomass Planting (512) Specifications**

- Practice name has been changed from *Pasture and Hay Planting* to *Forage and Biomass Planting* to match the National Standard. This name change is also reflected in the Conservation Practice Standard, Statement Of Work, and Fact Sheet.
- Information has been added regarding biomass plantings.

Question concerning the Fence, Critical Area Planting and Forage and Biomass Planting specifications may be directed to Jeff Printz, Rangeland Management Specialist, at (701)530-2080 or jeff.printz@nd.usda.gov. Questions concerning the North Dakota Lateral Effects Policy may be directed to Jill Helmuth, Ag Engineer, at (701) 530-2086 or jill.helmuth@nd.usda.gov .

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