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Technical Guide Notice ND-18

This notice transmits an update to Windbreak Suitability Groups Descriptions and Expected 20-Year Tree Heights located under Technical Resources, Field Office Technical Guide/Register, Section II, Windbreak, on the North Dakota home page. Please discard all copies of the older version and begin using the new version called [Expected 20-Year Tree Heights](#) at the same location. Designs developed before this notice date do not need to be reworked. For your convenience a summary of the changes are listed below:

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| Page 1 | Title reworded for easier web links.
Changed page number location of legend. |
| Page 8 | Removed Golden currant from Windbreak Suitability Group (WSG) 9C and 9L in Major Land Resource Area (MLRA) 55 and 56. |
| Page 10 | Changed required maintenance level on willows.
Added willows as suitable plants on specifically listed WSG 4 and 4C soils as described in footnote 13. |
| Page 11 | Removed cottonwood from WSG 2K soils.
Added native cottonwood and willows as suitable plants on specifically listed WSG 4 and 4C soils as described in footnote 13. |
| Page 12 | Added willows as suitable plants on specifically listed WSG 4 and 4C soils as described in footnote 13.
Removed Ponderosa pine and Scotch pine from WSG 4 and 4C soils.
Added Black Hills spruce to WSG 5 soils. |
| Page 14 | Added Redosier dogwood to WSG 4C soils. |
| Page 15 | Changed maintenance level required for Blueleaf honeysuckle on all WSGs.
Added Blueleaf honeysuckle as a suitable plant for WSG 9C and 9L soils.
Added False indigo to WSG 2H soils. |
| Page 16 | Reduced required maintenance levels on willows. |
| Page 17 | Removed cottonwood from WSG 2K soils. |
| Page 19 | Removed Ponderosa pine and Scotch pine from WSG 4 and 4C soils.
Added Colorado blue spruce on WSG 4C soils. |
| Page 22 | Added footnote 13. |

Suitability group changes that affect specific soils will have to be resolved on a case-by-case basis involving an area agronomist, a soil scientist and the forester. These reviews will be initiated in late summer or early fall.

If you have questions concerning the Section II update please contact Craig Stange, NRCS Forester at craig.stange@nd.usda.gov or (701) 530-2082.

This notice also announces the removal of conservation practice Land Reclamation Subsidence Treatment (454) from the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG), effective immediately.

Reminder: FOTG, Section IV conservation practice standards, are maintained as electronic files on the North Dakota home page. Field offices do not need to maintain hard copies of practice standards. District conservationists are responsible for assuring that all hard copy material used or maintained at their location (in FOTG or "thunderbooks") is current, and that all obsolete material is destroyed. If you have questions concerning the Section IV update or the electronic FOTG, please contact Mark Anderson, Resource Conservationist, at mark.anderson@nd.usda.gov or (701) 530-2039.

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