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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE ND-81

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

Section I

- The Wetland Restoration, Enhancement, and Management Manual is no longer available online. Consequently, the hyperlink has been removed from the List of Additional Biology References in the Reference Subjects – Biology subfolder and the Reference Subjects – Wetlands subfolder. The manual will be sent to the AO, FO, RCD, and Tribal offices in CD format.
- 2004 North Dakota Custom Rates, Part I – Early Season Operations found on the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Services website <http://www.nass.usda.gov/nd/custom.htm> is hyperlinked in Reference Subjects – Economics, Ag Statistics – NSDU Crop Budgets – “North Dakota Custom Rates.” Hard copies of this publication will be mailed to Field Offices.
- “Ohio Cross Section Problems” has been posted in the Reference Subjects – Engineering subfolder. It is a narrative message containing instructions for avoiding errors that can be generated when using the Ohio Engineering computer program.

Section III

- Table 1 – National and State Resource Concerns and Quality Criteria has been revised to conform with the recently revised National Quality Criteria. North Dakota modifications to the quality criteria are incorporated as blue text in Table 1 and are prefaced with “North Dakota” or “ND.”
- Table 2 – Conservation Planning Guide – Resource Management System (RMS) Level Conservation Planning has been revised.
- Form ND-CPA-52 - Environmental Effects for Conservation Plans has been revised. The form is now in Microsoft Excel format. Revised instructions are posted on accompanying tabs in the Excel workbook.
- Conservation Systems (CSs) linked to Toolkit for progressive plans (non-RMS) have been deactivated.

Section IV

- Land Reclamation Toxic Discharge Control (455) Standard has been revised.
- Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) Standard has been revised.
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) Design and Installation Guide has been updated by the addition of the following sentence on Page 5, first bulleted paragraph; **Planting woody cover on native prairie requires prior review and approval by a NRCS biologist.**

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- Waste Treatment (629) Standard is new.
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380) Design and Installation Guide has been revised by the addition of the following sentence on Page 2, paragraph directly above the Primary Windbreaks header; **Tree and shrub planting on native range and/or wetlands is permitted only after alternative treatments have been evaluated and then only to protect infrastructure (building sites, roads, livestock).**

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