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## **TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE ND-90**

This notice announces additions and revisions to the Field Office Technical (FOTG) as follows:

### **Section I:**

- CSP Cost List for Upper Sheyenne Watershed has been posted in Section I - Cost Data - CSP Cost List subsection.
- Information on identification and control of invasive and noxious weeds has been placed in Section I - Reference Subjects - Weeds subfolder.
- Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide workbook, located in Section I - Reference Subjects - Biology subsection has been revised. Shortcuts to move between worksheets have been enhanced, formatting was changed to allow cells to expand when necessary, and formulas have been corrected to allow for zero ratings to calculate correctly. No value ratings have been changed.
- Fact Sheet - The Effect of Trees and Shrubs on Grassland Nesting Birds; An Annotated Bibliography by Kristel K. Bakker, Assistant Professor, Dakota State University has been placed in Section I - Reference Subjects - Biology and Windbreaks and Woodland subfolders. It is also linked in Section IV - Conservation Practices - subfolders 380, 386, 422, 612, 645, and 650.

### **Section II:**

- Ecological Site Descriptions (ESDs) for MLRA 53B have been placed in Section II - Ecological Site Descriptions - MLRA 53B subfolder.
- Range sites for Altamont, Badlands, Border, Drift Prairie, and Red River Valley Vegetative Zones and a map of the Vegetative Zones of North Dakota have been posted in Section II - Rangeland, Grazed Forestland, and Native Forestland Interpretations subfolder. They are available for use until ESDs are released for these areas.
- Web Soil Survey is located in Section II - Soil Information. The Web site allows users to select areas of interest, view maps/data, and sort by geographic areas.
- The National Cultural Resources Procedures Handbook web link, located in Section II - Cultural Resources Information, has been reactivated.
- McHenry County Exception to Windbreak Suitability Groups has been posted to Section II - Windbreaks and Forest - Windbreak Suitability Groups by County.

### **Section III:**

- ND-CPA-52 instruction sheet has been revised by adding instructions for avoiding data entry errors.

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**Section IV:**

- The Standard, Design and Installation Guide, and Statement of Work for Prescribed Burning – 338, have been revised to include post-burn information. The documents are located in Section IV - Conservation Practices - Prescribed Burning subsection.
- Hedgerow Planting – 422 Standard has been revised by adding 3 more purposes; to intercept airborne particulate matter, to reduce chemical drift and odor movement, and to increase carbon storage in biomass and soils. This document is located in Section IV - Conservation Practices - Hedgerow Planting subsection.

Cost list questions may be directed to Stuart Blotter, Resource Conservationist, at (701) 530-2034 or [stuart.blotter@nd.usda.gov](mailto:stuart.blotter@nd.usda.gov).

Questions regarding biology references may be directed to Dave Dewald, Biologist, at (701) 530-2083 or [dave.dewald@nd.usda.gov](mailto:dave.dewald@nd.usda.gov).

Questions regarding ESDs and range sites may be directed to Jeff Printz, Rangeland Management Specialist, at (701) 530-2080 or [jeff.printz@nd.usda.gov](mailto:jeff.printz@nd.usda.gov).

Windbreak suitability questions may be directed to Craig Stange, Forester, at (701) 530-2082 or [craig.stange@nd.usda.gov](mailto:craig.stange@nd.usda.gov).

Soils questions may be directed to Steve Sieler, State Soil Liaison, at (701) 530-2019 or [steve.sieler@nd.usda.gov](mailto:steve.sieler@nd.usda.gov).

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