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This notice transmits updates to Section IV – Use Exclusion (472), Wastewater Treatment Strip (635), Cross Wind Ridges (589A), Prescribed Burn (338) Standard, and the Prescribed Burn (338DP) Design Procedures.

Section IV changes include updates to the name of code 472 changed from “Use Exclusion” to “Access Control”. The standard has been updated to reflect the current national standard purpose and criteria.

And, the name of code 635 changed from “Wastewater Treatment Strip” to “Vegetated Treatment Area”. The standard has been updated to reflect the current national standard purpose and criteria.

The code for Cross Wind Ridges was changed from code 589A to 588. The standard has been updated to reflect the current national standard purpose and criteria.

Prescribed Burn (338) Standard has been updated to meet National FOTG requirements and guidelines. Smoke impacts must be evaluated before the burn and should be monitored during the burn. Refer to the Smoke Management Criteria in the Prescribed Burning Design Procedures for guidance on minimizing impacts from smoke during a prescribed burn.

Prescribed Burn (338DP) Design Procedures have been revised and updated to supplement the 338 standard for Prescribed Burn. Smoke Management Criteria has been added to the Design Procedures.

If you have any questions on the Section IV changes to the Access Control (472) and Cross Wind Ridges practice standards please contact Catherine Mills at (402) 437-4039 or by e-mail at Catherine.Mills@ne.usda.gov

If you have any questions on the Section IV changes to Vegetated Treatment Area (635) practice standards contact Timothy Haakenstad at (402) 437-4038 or by e-mail at Timothy.Haakenstad@ne.usda.gov

If you have questions regarding 338 or 338DP, please contact Dana Larsen, State Rangeland Management Specialist, at (308) 728-3781, ext. 108 or by e-mail at dana.larsen@ne.usda.gov.

Note: The State Office will archive a hard copy of all materials and copies of electronic files of materials removed on the Nebraska eFOTG site under Section IV, Archive, Practice Standards and Specifications. If Field Offices wish to maintain an archived hard copy, of the above referenced standards as a reference, they may do so.

Changes for all field offices are noted by "**ALL COUNTIES**" and should be made in all Field Office Technical Guides.

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