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This notice transmits several updates to Section II – Directory of Contacts for Cultural Resources and Section III – Conservation Management Systems in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

Section II – Directory of Contacts for Cultural Resources

The existing Contact list for Field Office Cultural Resources Coordinators has been updated to reflect changes on the Employee and Duty Station.

If you have any questions regarding this contact list, please contact Elisha Mackling, State Archeologist, at (402) 437-4128 or by e-mail at elisha.mackling@ne.usda.gov.

Section III – Resource Quality Criteria

The existing “Resource Management System Formulation” document was divided into two separate documents. The first document, “Resource Quality Criteria” replaces the original document and provides an introduction to Quality Criteria and Table 1 which identifies the resource concerns where quality criteria can be quantified and an assessment tool is available to measure changes in the resource.

Section III – Resource Management Systems

The remainder of the “Resource Management System Formulation” document was included in the new document, “Planning Resource Management Systems” which provides an introduction to planning RMS’s and basic instructions for using Table 2 “Statewide Conservation Planning Guides – Resource Management System (RMS) Level.”

The RMS Planning Guides (Table 2) have been re-formatted and updated to reflect Resource Concerns currently contained in FOTG. Formatting was changed in the hope of adding utility to the planning guides in regards to selecting appropriate practices to address resource concerns that will result in achieving quality criteria.

There are 17 RMS Planning Guides in Table 2 which are specific to 17 different Landuse / Setting combinations. They may be used as a guide for inexperienced conservation planners, as an aid for completing NE-CPA-52: Environmental Evaluations, and as a checklist for employees completing Conservation Planning Certification (or re-certification).

Questions related to RMS Planning Guides, please contact Robert Glidden, Resource Specialist, at (308) 237-3118, ext 121 or by e-mail robert.glidden@ne.usda.gov or contact Mike Kucera, State Resource Conservationist, at (402) 437-4102 or by e-mail michael.kucera@ne.usda.gov.

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Section III – Legislated Programs

The Basic Conservation System Quality Criteria has been revised to reflect current policy and guidance on BCS planning which pertains in particular to sodbuster planning. Additional clarifying guidance will be provided in the form of a Nebraska Bulletin and/or MEM during the coming months of 2009 prior to HELC status review season.

Questions related to Basic Conservation System Quality Criteria, please contact Doug Garrison, Resource Specialist, at (402) 643-4586, ext 115 or by e-mail doug.garrison@ne.usda.gov or contact Mike Kucera, State Resource Conservationist, at (402) 437-4102 or by e-mail michael.kucera@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 II, Archive, Cultural Resources and Section III, Archive, Conservation Management Systems. 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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