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## TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 624

This notice transmits updates to Section II – Rangelands, Grazed Forestlands, Native Pasturelands Interpretations-Ecological Site Descriptions AND Section IV - Practices Standards and Specifications in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

### **Section II**

Update your Field Office Technical Guide by inserting the [MLRA 75](#) – Central Loess Plains if applicable to your county(s). All Field Offices shall insert an updated Table of Contents.

If you have any questions on Section II updates please contact Joe May, State Rangeland Management Specialist, at (402) 437-4062 or by e-mail at [joseph.may@ne.usda.gov](mailto:joseph.may@ne.usda.gov) or Shaun Vickers, State Resource Conservationist, at (402) 437-4102 or by e-mail at [shaun.vickers@ne.usda.gov](mailto:shaun.vickers@ne.usda.gov).

### **Section IV**

**Deep Tillage Standard (324)** — Delete this standard. The Field Office Technical Guide committee decided this standard could be deleted from the Tech Guide based on the fact that it is a temporary practice designed to address a specific problem (compaction) and would not be a practice we would normally include in a conservation plan.

**Fence Standard (382)** — Updates include standardization of the criteria to provide big game wildlife passage and considerations for wildlife-friendly fences. The National standard was formally reviewed and updated to include public comments received through the *Federal Register* review process. The public comments lacked technical merit. The date of the standard was changed.

**Access Control Standard (472)** — The National standard was formally reviewed and updated to include public comments received through the *Federal Register* review process. The public comments lacked technical merit. The date of the standard was changed.

**Shallow Water Development and Management Standard (646)** — NEW standard for use with wetland-related habitat practices. The National standard was formally reviewed and updated to include public comments received through the *Federal Register* review process. The public comments lacked technical merit. The date of the standard was changed.

### **Federal Register Notices**

NRCS published two notices to solicit public comments about how to improve all agency conservation practice standards in the Federal Register on June 12, 2009, for a 60-day comment period and August 14, 2009, for a 30-day comment period. Comments from the public were accepted during the 60- and 30-day comment periods.

NRCS also published two different notices to solicit public comments about how to improve specific agency conservation practice standards in the Federal Register on June 15, 2010, and on August 4, 2010, for 30-day comment periods. Comments from the public were accepted during the two comment periods.

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

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