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BIOLOGY TECHNICAL NOTE NO. NM-55 (REVISION)

SUBJECT: ECS – Wildlife Escape Ramps for Watering Facilities and Open Storage Tanks - Revision removing design for tanks with 20” depth

Purpose. To distribute information to area and field offices.

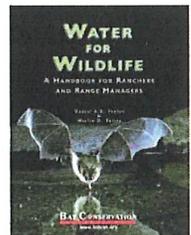
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Filing Instructions. Technical notes are accessible online at the NRCS New Mexico Technical Resources website: <http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/tech-notes/bio.html>

Summary of Revision. A revision was made to remove Appendix A from this technical note containing ramp designs for tanks with 20” depth. It was frequently found that producers were building ramps by this design to be placed in tanks deeper than 20”. Those ramps then would not meet the criteria of touching the bottom and sides with slopes no greater than 45 degrees. In response to Field Personnel requests, the design is being removed. It is imperative the producer is advised of the criteria the ramps must meet prior to construction through discussions with field office staff.

Summary of the Technical Note. This technical note provides updated information and design guidelines on wildlife escape ramps. The incorporation of wildlife escape ramps is required for NRCS practice 614-Watering Facility, and is useful as a wildlife habitat enhancement tool when retrofitting existing watering facilities.

A reference publication is provided: “*Water for Wildlife. A Handbook for Ranchers and Range Managers*” published in 2007 by Bat Conservation International (www.batcon.org).



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