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**NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE
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SUBJECT: ECS – Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard and Specification

Purpose: To distribute information regarding the updated Fence (382) Standard, the new Barbed or Barbless Fence (382A) Specification and Drawing Library into the New Mexico Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

Effective Date: This notice is effective when received.

Filing Instructions: These documents are accessible through NRCS New Mexico FOTG, Section IV – Conservation Practices – Fence (382) <http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx>

Explanation: The New Mexico Fence (382) Standard has been reviewed and updated. A new Barbed or Barbless Fence Specification has been created and both the standard and new specification have been posted to Section IV of the FOTG. There are new drawings associated with the new specification and are housed in a *Drawing Library* folder under Fence (382). There will be a new specification for each type of fence i.e.: Let-Down, Electric and Netwire in the near future. Until those other types of fence specifications are posted, the old fence specification that has those types included will be left in the FOTG in a new folder under Fence (382) title *Archived Fence Spec*. There is no difference between the new specification and the “archived” specification in regards to dimensions, wire heights, wire spacing etc. The new specification is contained in a new format that has only information for that fence-type, and has a signature block for producers to sign. Please take a few minutes to become familiar with the new user-friendly format.

Also, there are additional wildlife friendly references on the fence specification. There is a link to NM Range Tech Note 103 and additional publications housed on the Range and Pasture page within the NM NRCS home page.

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