



February 9, 2015

FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE OK450-283

Purpose: To provide notice of new and/or revised technical materials posted on the Oklahoma eFOTG.

Effective Date: Effective when received.

Explanation of Changes: All changes have been made in eFOTG. Replaced materials have been archived. Hardcopies maintained locally must be updated accordingly.

Section I:

- Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Guides for quail and deer have been updated with newer versions.

Section II:

- Decision support tools (CPA52 –Sodbusting LPC & LPC Grassland Conversion Flowchart) have been updated to assess the effects of converting grass sod to agriculture production on the lesser prairie-chicken.
- An updated county listing of Federal and State identified Endangered, Threatened, Proposed and Candidate species.
- The CRP LPC Biological Opinion and related Q&A document have been added to the ESA Consultation folder.
- The Lesser Prairie-chicken Initiative Biological Opinion (BO) has been added in replace of the Conference Opinion and LPCI tools (LPC BO Flowchart, LPC Conservation Measures & LPCI-WLFW Predictability sheet) have been revised to reference the BO.

Section IV: Updated Index to reflect all changes. Updated Oklahoma Pre-Approved Structures, Components, and Appurtenances Lists. The following item was updated: The Oklahoma Pre-Approved Structures, Components, and Appurtenances list was updated to include Soil Moisture Sensors.

Revised Standards, Specification, Job Sheets and Statements of Work (SOW) to reflect changes in national standard and technologies. Previous materials have been removed and archived.

Underground Outlet (620) Standard: The standard was updated to reflect changes within the National 620 Standard and comments from the Zone 1 Tech Committee.

Irrigation Water Management (449) General Specification: A general specification for Irrigation Water Management with Soil Moisture Monitoring Equipment was created.

Section IV cont.:

- The Oklahoma Habitat Appraisal and Evaluation Guides folder has been deleted because of duplication within Section I.
- Practice implementation sheets have been added for Conservation Practices contained within the LPCI Biological Opinion. These sheets provide a checklist of requirements, including conservation measures from the Biological Opinion, which planners and clients need to abide by to receive ESA predictability. Implementation sheets are not a required document for conservation planning but rather a tool that can effectively communicate conservation measure requirements to our clients. Practices include; 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 378, 382, 384, 394, 410, 500, 511, 512, 516, 533, 550, 561, 574, 612, 614, & 642.
- An updated LPC Conservation Measures was inserted into all CP contained within the LPCI Biological Opinion. Practices include; 314, 315, 327, 338, 340, 342, 378, 382, 384, 394, 410, 500, 511, 512, 516, 528, 533, 550, 561, 574, 612, 614, 642, & 645


GARY L. O'NEILL
State Conservationist

DIST: AE