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SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice 145

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Purpose:

The purpose of this notice is to provide instruction on technical support materials in the FOTG.

Explanation:

Conservation planning includes the consideration of the effects of planned conservation practices on cultural resources. The effects are documented on the Environmental Evaluation Worksheet (NRCS-CPA-52) and, when required, a Cultural Resources Review Worksheet (CRRW). Further instructions are provided in FOTG, Section II.C.

The Conservation Security Program and Conservation Stewardship Program include variations of existing conservation practices called enhancements. Enhancements also have the potential to effect cultural resources.

All conservation practices and enhancements in the FOTG are rated as to their probable effects on cultural resources. These ratings serve as a guide to conservation planners when evaluating the potential for cultural resource effects and to help determine when a CRRW is required.

The guide, "Conservation Practice Effects on Cultural Resources" has been updated. Additionally, a new guide, "CSP Enhancement Effects on Cultural Resources" has been developed.

These two documents will be updated periodically as new conservation practice standards and enhancements are added, deleted or modified. Check FOTG or the referenced webpage for the latest version of the documents.

Instruction:

The following document has been updated in FOTG, Section II.C:

2a. *Conservation Practice Effects on Cultural Resources*

The following document has been added to FOTG, Section II.C:

2b. *CSP Enhancement Effects on Cultural Resources*



Access Instructions:

The Pennsylvania eFOTG can be accessed at the following web address.

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=PA

The Pennsylvania eFOTG Section II.C can be accessed *directly* at the following link:

http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/cultural_resources/index.html.

The official version of the FOTG is what appears in Pennsylvania's eFOTG.

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