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Purposes. (a) Add new guidance to Section I, Technical Reference, *The Pennsylvania Phosphorus Index: Version I*

(b) Add Standards and Specifications 338 (Prescribed Burning), 528A (Prescribed Grazing), and 575 (Animal Trails and Walkways) dated June 2003 to Section IV.

Background. (a) The Phosphorus Index is to be used in implementing 590 Nutrient Management. It can also be used as a tool during conservation planning.

(b) These new PA practices are based on corresponding standards in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices. They are all tools to be used in establishing and improving pasture systems. Prescribed Burning should be implemented with particular attention to safety. Prescribed Grazing and its component practices will provide a sustained forage system with environmental protection. Animal Trails and Walkways provide a transition between Heavy Use Area Protection and pasture.

Filing Instructions. Insert the enclosed Phosphorus Index into Section I of the PA Technical Guide, behind the Reference tab. Add the three Standards and Specifications to Section IV and make the appropriate pen & ink changes to the Index of Conservation Practices.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin E. Heard".

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Enclosures