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Purpose. To add new planning criteria to Section III, for heavy use areas or animal concentration areas.

Background. Planning of heavy use areas or animal concentration areas must be based on environmental concerns and benefits. A range of alternatives can be used to solve these environmental problems. Care must be taken to differentiate between production enhancement and environmental improvement, so that solutions will meet the producer's needs, as well as program and regulatory requirements. The enclosed planning criteria gives direction on how to adequately address environmental concerns without unduly hindering or enhancing livestock production.

Filing Instructions. Insert the enclosed Planning Criteria for Heavy Use Areas/Animal Concentration Areas and ACA Exhibit 1 in Section III of the Technical Guide, behind the Resource Quality Criteria tab.

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Enclosure