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**Pacific Islands Area FOTG Notice PI-55**

**SUBJECT: COST DATA UPDATES, RESOURCE CONCERNS AND PLANNING CRITERIA, CAP CRITERIA/TEMPLATES, and PRACTICE DOCUMENTS**

This Notice releases documents for the following:

- Section I Updated Cost Data for Conservation Planning
- Section III Updated Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria
- Section III Updated the following Conservation Activity Plans Criteria and Templates:
  1. Nutrient Management Plan Criteria (104)
  2. Integrated Pest Management Plan Criteria and Template (114)
  3. Headquarters Agricultural Energy Management Plan Criteria (122)
  4. Landscape Agricultural Energy Management Plan Template (124)
  5. Drainage Water Management Plan Criteria (130)
  6. Conservation Plan Support Organic Transition Criteria (138)
- Section IV Updated Conservation Practice Standards and Supporting Documents
  - 314 – Brush Management
  - 315 – Herbaceous Weed Control
  - 382 – Fence
  - 512 – Forage and Biomass Planting
  - 528 – Prescribed Grazing
  - 548 – Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment
  - 550 – Range Planting

**Instructions.**

Please refer to the following table for a description of the specific documents released. The documents have been posted to Pacific Islands Area FOTG, and are available for viewing and printing online at: [http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx](http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx).

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The following is a description of the documents released and changes made to FOTG:

Document	Description
<b>PI FOTG Notice PI-55</b>	New PI Notice.
<b>PI Register of FOTG Notices</b>	Revised PI Register.
<b>Section I Table of Contents</b>	Revised Section I Table of Contents.
<b>Cost Data for Conservation Planning</b>	Cost data associated with practice payment schedules have been updated for FY-2015. Component costs were developed by NHQ.



Document	Description
<b>Section III Table of Contents</b>	Revised Section III Table of Contents.
<b>Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria</b>	Revised criteria for conservation planning and documentation on Checklist of Resource Concerns.
<b>Conservation Activity Plans – Technical Criteria &amp; Templates</b>	<p>Through the agency process of evaluation and feedback, some changes have been made to CAP technical criteria. Key changes to 14 approved CAPs for FY 2015 include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAP 102 had edits to fix a few formatting problems. No changes were made to the actual CNMP criteria.</li> <li>• CAP 106, Forest Management Plan, and the supporting templates had minor language edits to improve clarification and updated hyperlinks inserted.</li> <li>• CAP 122, Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Headquarters, and the 124 CAP, Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Landscape, are not offered during FY 2015, and are replaced with a single CAP 128, Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP).</li> <li>• CAP 126, Comprehensive Air Quality Management Plan, is not offered during FY 2015.</li> <li>• CAP 134, Conservation Plan Supporting Transition from Irrigation to Dryland Plan, is not offered during FY 2015.</li> <li>• CAP 138, Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition, has been revised to be a resource inventory with recommended practices to support the transition to an organic system plan and address the resource concerns. A new template for the CAP 138 provides a detailed inventory and data needed by the producer to make informed decisions and information to assist the producer to complete their organic application. The template will also provide resource inventory information for NRCS or another technical service provider (TSP) to develop an actual conservation plan if requested by the producer.</li> <li>• Cap 154, IPM Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan – deleted Conservation Practice Standards (CPS) 314 Brush Management, 327 Conservation Cover, and 484 Mulching from the typical CPS list.</li> </ul> <p><b>Plan CAP Templates:</b> In addition to technical planning criteria, some CAPs are also supported by a “plan template,” which provides a direct outline of the essential information that must be addressed in the plan. These templates also help field office staff document review and approval of completed plans. The following CAPs are supported with plan templates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 106 – Forest Management Plan</li> <li>• 114 – Integrated Pest Management Plan</li> <li>• 138 – Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition</li> <li>• 154 – IPM Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Section IV Table of Contents</b>	Revised Section IV Table of Contents.



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<b>Brush Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard</li><li>• Specification</li><li>• Statement of Work</li></ul>	Standard and specification updated to reflect the use of combined practice jobsheet, Plant Control, Clearing and Cutting Practices Jobsheet. Additional guidance includes updates on: variances, use of technical notes, farm bill program guidance, guidance on multiple treatments, and references.
<b>Fence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard</li><li>• Statement of Work</li></ul>	Wildlife needs are now included under general criteria, being moved from the considerations section. This will ensure all fence design and placement is made with knowledge of potential impacts to local wildlife.  *PI Specifications and Jobsheet forthcoming.
<b>Forage and Biomass Planting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard</li><li>• Specification</li><li>• Statement of Work</li></ul>	Standard and specification updated to reflect the use of combined practice jobsheet, Vegetative Guide and Planting Practices Jobsheet. Additional guidance includes updates on: variances, use of technical notes, and references.
<b>Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard</li><li>• Specification</li><li>• Statement of Work</li></ul>	Standard and specification updated to reflect the use of combined practice jobsheet, Plant Control, Clearing and Cutting Practices Jobsheet. Additional guidance includes updates on: variances, use of technical notes, farm bill program guidance, guidance on multiple treatments, and references.
<b>Herbaceous Weed Control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard</li><li>• Specification</li><li>• Statement of Work</li></ul>	Standard and specification updated to reflect the use of combined practice jobsheet, Plant Control, Clearing and Cutting Practices Jobsheet. Additional guidance includes updates on: variances, use of technical notes, farm bill program guidance, guidance on multiple treatments, and references.
<b>Prescribed Grazing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard</li><li>• Statement of Work</li></ul>	Plans and specifications changed to reflect the discontinued use of the PI 528 Worksheets and Specification.  *PI Jobsheet forthcoming.
<b>Range Planting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard</li><li>• Specification</li><li>• Statement of Work</li></ul>	Standard and specification updated to reflect the use of combined practice jobsheet, Vegetative Guide and Planting Practices Jobsheet. Additional guidance includes updates on: variances, use of technical notes, and references.

  
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