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Purpose: To transmit the new restructured list of “Resource Concerns & Planning Criteria for Conservation Planning”

Effective Date: October 1, 2013

Filing Instruction: The restructured list of resource concerns and planning criteria along with updated values to the Conservation Practice Physical Effects (CPPE) can be accessed electronically in Section III and in Section V respectively of Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). The link to the Virginia electronic FOTG can be accessed at:
<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov>

Background: The Conservation Delivery Streamlining Initiative (CDSI) business team’s effort to improve efficiencies identified a need to restructure the list of resource concerns used by planners. The restructured list was used for conservation planning in fiscal year 2013 but was not incorporated into our other business processes such as the CPPE or Farm Bill program contracts. During the fiscal year 2013, the CDSI business team gathered feedback and comments from employees and identified needed changes to improve the understanding and use of the new resource concerns and planning criteria.

Explanation: In response to the feedback, the new document clarifies the relationship between the list of 31 resource concerns and the resource concern components needed by planners to accurately plan and evaluate conservation systems that address resource issues. The resource concerns and components will be integrated into Toolkit, CPPE, and the Program Contracts System with the deployment of upcoming releases.

The restructured list of resource concerns and revised planning criteria are effective October 1, 2013. New CPPE values in alignment with the new resource concerns will also be effective in October. The resource concerns and planning criteria dated September 1, 2012 along with the linkage to the old 77 resource concerns and RMS quality criteria will be archived as of October, 2013.

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