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TO: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

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VERMONT TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 31

PURPOSE: Revisions and Additions to the Field Office Tech Guide

EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Receipt

BACKGROUND:

The following items have been revised or added to the Field Office Tech Guide.

1. **Replace** standard 644 – Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management in Section IV-A.
2. **Replace** standard 645 – Upland Wildlife Habitat Management in Section IV-A.
3. **Replace** standard 749 – Waste Field Stacking Area in Section IV-A.
4. **Replace** standard 643 – Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats in Section IV-A.
5. **Replace** standard 660 – Tree/Shrub Pruning in Section IV-A.
6. **Replace** standard 666 – Forest Stand Improvement in Section IV-A.
7. **Replace** standard 647 – Early Successional Habitat and Development and Management in Section IV-A.
8. **Replace** Forestry/Wildlife Reference List in Section I-A.
9. **Replace** Ecological Science Reference List in Section I-A.
10. **Replace** Fisheries Reference List in Section I-A.
11. **Replace** Plant Materials and Application Tech Reference #5, “Vegetating Vermont Sand and Gravel Pits”. The reference was formerly named as “Vegetating Sand and Gravel Borrow Pits in the Northeast”.
12. **Update** 2006 Average Cost Table in Section I-B-2. The Tree Planting Cost have been edited.
13. **Replace** all construction specifications with revised construction specifications dated June 2006 in Section IV-D.
14. **Update** Grand Isle County Soil Septic Ratings in Section II-A-2, County-specific Soils Information.
15. **Add** NY Tech Note #36 – Wildlife Seeding Recommendations to Section I-A-13, Tech Notes by Discipline (Subfolder 2 – Plant Materials and Application).
16. **Replace** Pest Management Job Sheet in Section IV-A, Conservation Practices in the Pest Management folder. This new Microsoft Excel Workbook provides conservation planners with a consistent format to provide customers with the following: Soils/pesticide interaction reports which are easy to read and understand; pest management mitigation techniques; conservation job sheets; plan formats for cropland or invasive species pest management plans; and a record keeping format to be provided to the customer.



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17. **Update** Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, and Windham Soil Survey Evaluation Worksheets in Section II-A-2, County-specific Soils Information.
18. **Replace** standard 382 – Fence in Section IV-A. Construction specification is no longer attached to the standard. New construction specifications for different types of fence can be found in Section IV-D.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

These changes have already been made in eFOTG. If you are still maintaining a hard copy of the FOTG, please make the appropriate copies and file accordingly. Discard all old copies. If you have any questions regarding this notice please feel free to call me.

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