

**FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE (FOTG)
450-VI
AMENDMENT WA7**

Purposes.

Transmit revised Quality Criteria for Section 3 – FOTG.

Effective Date. This notice is effective when received.

Explanation.

National Bulletin 450-5-8 added Measurement Units that match the Resource Concern and the Quality Criteria statement. These are calculated using existing tools. (However, many of the Resource Concerns or the Quality Criteria are not quantifiable, or suitable tools needed to calculate Measurement Units are not readily available.) For reporting performance for quantifiable Resource Concerns, the effect is the amount of improvement from the baseline condition to the system impact condition.

For Resource Concerns not readily quantifiable, the term Non Measurable is used. For Conservation System Guides, the Resource Concerns will be divided into Measurable Resource Concerns and Non Measurable Resource Concerns. The Performance Results System contains reports for these nonquantifiable Resource Concerns for performance reporting purposes.

In addition, some resource concerns were added and definitions clarified.

By no later than Monday, February 28, 2005, State Conservationists were required to review and update quality criteria filed in Section III of the FOTG and use the national template. NRCS-WA has completed this process and is issuing the updated resource concerns and quality criteria. The revised Quality Criteria are available on the eFOTG. Do not file a hardcopy in the local FOTG. The previous Quality Criteria are moved to the Archive folder in Section III-eFOTG

Instructions.

This notice and the document referenced with this notice can be accessed electronically on the Washington section of the eFOTG. . NRCS-WA employees should access the eFOTG through <https://my.nrcs.usda.gov/>. Public access can be through either the NRCS homepage on the World WideWeb at <http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

The eFOTG-Section III is the official source of the latest version of Quality Criteria applicable to Washington state.

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