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**WEST VIRGINIA TECHNICAL GUIDE SECTION IV
NOTICE NO. 2-07**

Purpose: To transmit revised and updated technical material for Section IV for the electronic West Virginia Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG):

New/Revised WV Conservation Practice Standards

- (311) Alley Cropping
- (380) Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
- (655) Forest Trails and Landings
- (660) Tree/Shrub Pruning
- (666) Forest Stand Improvement

Updated/Revised Tools

WV Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Technique (WVWHET) - 12/2006

New/Revised WV Job Sheets

- (311) Alley Cropping – WV Job Sheet (revised 12/06)
- (380) Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment – WV Job Sheet (revised 12/06)
- (655) Forest Trails and Landings – WV Job Sheet (revised 12/06)
- (660) Tree/Shrub Pruning – WV Job Sheet (revised 12/06)
- (666) Forest Stand Improvement – Grapevine Removal – WV Job Sheet (revised 12/06)
- (666) Forest Stand Improvement – Timber Harvest – WV Fact Sheet (revised 12/06)
- (666) Forest Stand Improvement – Intermediate Treatment – WV Fact Sheet (revised 12/06)

Archived WV Conservation Practice Standards and Tools

- (311) Alley Cropping
- (380) Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
- (655) Forest Trails and Landings
- (660) Tree/Shrub Pruning
- (666) Forest Stand Improvement
- (WVWHET) WV Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Technique - 8/1999

Effective Date: Upon Receipt

Instructions : This updated or revised material is available within Section IV of the eFOTG at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>. Statements of Work are available in Section IV of eFOTG under the conservation practice that they represent. Archived standards, statements of work and job sheets are available in Section IV under the subsection entitled “Archived Material”.

The WV Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Technique (WVWHET) has been updated. The new version has the ability to be completed electronically either online or from your local hard drive, but it is not intended to be used as an off-site tool only. The evaluation may still be printed and completed manually if desired. As scores are entered into the new format, tables are completed and evaluated automatically. This new format will enable planners to store evaluations electronically within existing client’s computer files. The updated version is available in Section IV of the eFOTG under “Tools”. Note that the new format is a large file and may take a few moments to open. Macros must be enabled in order for the evaluation to work properly. Please discard all previous versions of the WVWHET. If you have questions or encounter problems

concerning the WVWHET contact Casey Shrader, State Biologist (304) 284-7581.

The phosphorous index within the (590) Nutrient Management standard has been corrected to include information omitted from the previous version of the standard. This update may be found in the (590) Nutrient Management Appendices.

The items listed under the “**Archived WV Conservation Practice Standards and Tools**” above have been inactivated and archived within Section IV of the eFOTG.

An updated “Table of Contents” for conservation practice standards has been posted under Section IV.

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