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SUBJECT: TCH - West Virginia Field Office Technical Guide and Federally Threatened, Endangered and Candidate Species and Bald and Golden Eagle Compliance

Purpose: To inform field and area offices of updated materials within Section II of the West Virginia Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) and to distribute information and notification of completion of programmatic consultation for threatened, endangered, candidate and eagle species in West Virginia.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2011

Through collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Elkins Field Office, a programmatic consultation for the federal-listed species that could be encountered during planning and other non-project activities was developed. This document is entitled *West Virginia NRCS Conservation Practice Effects on Threatened, Endangered, Candidate and Eagle Species for Planning and Program Implementation*. It documents the programmatic consultation and includes the effects determination for each practice-species combination and recommendations for avoidance of adverse affects.

During the consultation process, all conservation practices in West Virginia were reviewed for their potential effects on threatened, endangered, candidate and eagle species. Determinations were made as to whether the practices were likely to have no effect, an adverse affect, or a beneficial effect, and in the cases of potential adverse affects, how those effects may be avoided. Training on the use and application will be forthcoming in the future.

Also, the technical reference, *A Guide to Hydric Soils in the Mid-Atlantic Region*, has been updated to version 2.0.



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