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SECTION IV
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Purpose

To inform WV NRCS offices about the new or revised conservation practices and materials, located within Section IV of the West Virginia Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).

Any previous versions of these documents are archived and should no longer be used for conservation planning.

Revised West Virginia Practice Table of Contents

West Virginia Practice Table of Contents – January 2016

New/Revised/Removed Conservation Practice Standards

National Conservation Practice Standards are now being created in a new one-column format. WV is beginning to update the WV Conservation Practice Standards to this new format as new National Conservation Practice Standards are issued.

Forest Stand Improvement (666) – January 2016 – Revised

Updated to reflect changes due to the issuance of a new national standard. The agency added new language to the definition: "...to achieve a desired future condition or obtain ecosystem services." Two purposes that refer to forest products are deleted because they do not refer to an environmental benefit. Purposes that refer to renewable energy systems and aesthetics and recreation are moved to "Considerations" because they are not primary purposes for this practice. NRCS changed "Conditions where Practice Applies" from "All Forest land", with exceptions for some agroforestry practices to "All land where the quantity and quality of trees can be enhanced." Under "General Criteria Applicable to All Purposes" NRCS changed the emphasis from silvicultural systems to achieving desired future conditions by altering the species composition or tree density. "Additional Criteria to Improve and Sustain Forest Health and Productivity" are added. Several new "Considerations" were added including descriptions of silvicultural and carbon sequestration options. Several new references were added. WV text from the previous standard are included in updated version.

Statements of Work

None

New/Revised Job Sheet, Technical Notes, Worksheets, Guide, O&M, Specification, Check Out, other

Job Sheets

Reflect changes to the new national standard, the new one column format and include check boxes that relate to the use of Win-PST when herbicide use is planned.

WV Forest Stand Improvement (666) Job Sheet – Pre-Commercial Treatment – January 2016

WV Forest Stand Improvement for Cerulean Warbler (666) Job Sheet – Pre-commercial treatment in mature stands – January 2016

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WV Forest Stand Improvement for Cerulean Warbler (666) Job Sheet – Commercial harvest in mature stands– January 2016

WV Forest Stand Improvement for Cerulean Warbler (666) Job Sheet – Pre-commercial treatment in immature stands– January 2016

Technical Notes – Biology Technical Notes

Biology Technical Note No. 78, 3rd Ed. Using 2014 Farm Bill Programs for Pollinator Conservation

Tools

Cerulean Warbler Appalachian Forestland Enhancement RCPP Habitat Evaluation Guide for the Cerulean Warbler – Appalachian Mountain Population – January 2016

Archived Materials

WV Forest Improvement (666) Conservation Practice Standard – November 2013

WV Forest Stand Improvement (666) Job Sheet – Pre-Commercial Treatment – January 2015

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