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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE WY - 106

Purpose: This notice transmits the following changes to forms, general references, and tools in section I, natural resource information in section II, guidance documents in section III, and conservation practice standards in section IV eFOTG:

Major changes to forms (Section I)

WY-CPA-9 (SGI Grazing Option 1 Worksheet): This worksheet was formerly the SGI 528 and 645 option 1 worksheet. It now has a form number and includes planning, eligibility, and participant requirements.

WY-CPA-10A (SGI Grazing Option 2 Worksheet): This worksheet was formerly the SGI 528 and 645 option 2 worksheet. It now has a form number and includes planning, eligibility, and participant requirements.

WY-CPA-10B (SGI Grazing Option 2 Certification): This worksheet is new. It is used to certify practice completion for SGI grazing option 2.

WY-CPA-10C (SGI Grazing Option 2 Rest Waiver): This form is new and is used when completing a waiver request for SGI option 2.

WY-CPA-10D (SGI Grazing Option 2 Plan for Nesting Fields): This form is new and is used to develop a managed grazing plan on sage-grouse nesting and early brood-rearing habitat.

WY-ECS-89 (Vegetative Job Approval Authority): Resources staff updated this form to remove engineering practices, to add all vegetative practices, and to provide clarification for when field planners have JAA versus when JAA is reserved for technical teams and specialists.

USACE Section 404 Compliance Documentation: As per WY Bulletin 190-14-4, use this form to document compliance with US Army Corps of Engineers, Section 404 Compliance. This form is posted in section I, below the NRCS-CPA-52, as it will be an attachment to that document.

WY-ECS-330 (Contour Farming Job Sheet): This new job sheet was added for Contour Farming (330) from the National job sheet.

WY-ECS-331 (Contour Orchards and Other Perennial Crops Job Sheet): This new job sheet was added for Contour Orchards (331) from the National job sheet.

WY-ECS-36 (Line Point Intercept Height Transect Form): This form was given a number and posted under ECS forms.

WY-ECS-37 (Rangeland Health Assessment Evaluation Sheet): This form was given a number and posted under ECS forms.

WY-ECS-45A (Solid Waste Utilization): This form was archived; solid waste utilization is more accurately calculated with the MMP (Manure Management Planner) program.

Minor changes to forms (Section I)

WY-ECS-31 (Forest Stand Improvement Job Sheet): This form has been re-posted under ECS forms.

WY-ECS-90 (Prescribed Grazing Checklist): The correct version of this form was posted in Section IV, under the Prescribed Grazing Standard. This is in addition to its location in Section I, under ECS forms.

WY-ECS-22 (Fire Prescription and Burn Plan Job Sheet): Corrected a broken link in the document and reposted. This job sheet is in Sections I and IV.

Major changes to general references (Section I)

Wind Erosion Prediction (WEQ): Outdated information was archived.

Crop Tolerance Table: Current crop tolerance table for wind erosion was posted.

Major changes to tools (Section I)

On-Farm Energy Audit Checklist: This national checklist was posted under tools.

On-Farm Energy Audit Review Guidance: This national review guidance document was posted under tools.

Major changes to natural resource information (Section II)

Cultural Resources State Level Agreement: Posted the newly signed agreement

Cultural Resources Classification of Conservation Practices List: Posted the new version, based on the new SLA.

Minor changes to natural resource information (Section II)

Ecological Site Descriptions: The broken link to the ESIS website was updated.

Cultural Resources National Programmatic Agreement: Reposted to correct a broken link.

Major changes to guidance documents (Section III)

Resource concerns and planning criteria: This guidance document was revised to update the screening criteria and assessment tools, both used to determine if the resource concern exists and what treatment level is required to address the resource concern. The location of the assessment tool has also been identified in the document.

Resource Concerns Checklists by Land Use: These guidance documents were updated to correct when a screening is required, as per National criteria. The cropland, pasture, and farmstead assessment level for insufficient water was updated to reflect FIRI values specific to Wyoming. The location of the assessment tool has also been identified in the documents.

Major changes to standards (Section IV)

Forage Harvest Management (511): This standard was updated to include stubble height tables that had been inadvertently left off.

Cross Wind Trap Strips (589C): The correct standard was posted.

Cover Crop (340): The cover crop termination guideline document was replaced with an updated and more accurate version.

Channel Bed Stabilization (584): A new statement of work was posted.
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580): A new statement of work was posted.
Waste Separation Facility (632): A new statement of work was posted.

Effective Date: This notice is effective when received.

Filing Instructions: These additions and revisions are electronically filed in the Wyoming eFOTG at this site:

http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=US

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