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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-ECS-38 (Stubble Height Worksheet): This new form was posted.

WY-TDA-1 (Spot Check Form): The recently revised form was replaced with an older official form referenced in policy.

WY-ECS-86 (CNMP Fillable Form): This form was archived; the MMP (Manure Management Planner) program generates a more accurate CNMP document.

Minor changes to forms (Section I)

WY-ECS-55 (Pasture Condition Score): This form was formatted with larger font and set to landscape for placement in the case file.

Major changes to general references (Section I)

Planning and Layout for Small-Stream Diversions: This new document was posted.

Major changes to tools and cost data (Section I)

WY FIRI Tool: The latest version of this tool was posted.

FY 2012 and 2014 PPS Guidance Documents: These two documents were posted.

Biology Technical Note 43, Sage-grouse WHEG: This form has been updated for clarity and to align with guidance.

Major changes to natural resource information (Section II)

Frozen Soils Lists: This data was entered into new legible spreadsheets and posted for Albany, Big Horn, Campbell, Carbon, Crook, Fremont East, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Niobrara, Park, Sheridan, Washakie, and Weston Counties. This data has been posted with permission restrictions so only internal customers can view it. Users must eAuth to see it.

Frozen Soils Lists Original Scans: Scanned documents of the original frozen soils lists were posted for all counties except Converse and Fremont-Lander Area. This data has been posted with permission restrictions so only internal customers can view it. Users must eAuth to see it.

Minor changes to guidance documents (Section III)

Resource Concern Checklists by Land Use: These forms were edited for clarity and to include all resource concerns on one document, per land use.

Major changes to standards (Section IV)

All standards: As per national instructions, all National CPS are being written in active voice.

Residue Management, Seasonal (344): As per national instructions, this practice has been deleted.

Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Tillage (345): Wyoming adopted the new national standard. This new standard incorporates Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till (346), now deleted.

Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till (346): As per national instructions, this practice has been deleted and the standard has been incorporated into Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345).

Irrigation Pipeline (430): practice standard had been sent out previously. As per national instructions, practice standards have been archived for AA-JJ.

Sprinkler System (442): Changed the name of the standard from “Irrigation System, Sprinkler” to “Sprinkler System” to make the standard more applicable to other conservation measures that use sprinklers as part of solution (i.e., dust control). Changes to definition, purpose and condition where practices applies. Criteria changes made throughout, including nozzle spacing, the section on center pivots and adding criteria for purposes other than irrigation.

Land Smoothing (466): The agency revised the Definition, added a cultural resource inventory and assessment to Considerations, added a plan for Operation and maintenance, and added references.

Livestock Shelter Structure (576): This is a new conservation practice standard that includes livestock shade structures and livestock wind structures. This standard replaces the criteria and guidance for wind structures located in Heavy Use Area Protection (561).

Heavy Use Area Protection (561): The criteria and guidance for fabricated windbreaks for livestock shelter were removed from this standard.

Spring Development (574): The standard was updated as the result of a comprehensive review by NRCS biologists and hydrologists from differing arid and humid U.S. regions. The new Purpose statement no longer includes the wording “other agricultural uses”. Readability and flow of material is enhanced by using multiple sections with headings.

Underground Outlet (620): The Criteria section was expanded and Considerations section was revised.

Minor changes to standards (Section IV)

Cross Wind Ridges (588): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Field Border (386): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Deep Tillage (324): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Filter Strip (393): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (329): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Stripcropping (585): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Contour Farming (330): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Cover Crop (340): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Cover Crop Termination Guidelines Version 3 (340): As per national instructions, this version replaced the old version 2.

Conservation Cover (327): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Contour Buffer Strips (332): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Mulching (484): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Conservation Crop Rotation (328): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Row Arrangement (557): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Cross Wind Trap Strips (589c): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

Surface Roughening (609): Wyoming adopted the new national standard.

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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