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NOTICE 128

Purpose. This notice transmits new or revised conservation practice standards for insertion into the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). In addition, notes are included for clarification.

Effective Date. This notice is effective when received.

Explanation.

Dam, Diversion (348) – This conservation practice standard has been updated to the current format. The definition was revised and additional considerations were added.

Hedgerow Planting (422) – This is a major revision of the Hedgerow Planting conservation practice standard. All sections of the Hedgerow Planting standard (developed in 1977) were revised to reflect the needs of landowners and operators in the establishment of linear dense vegetation. Plantings can be made for a variety of conservation purposes, including: wildlife food, cover and corridors, living fences, contour guidelines, and screens and barriers to noise and dust.

Land Reclamation, Subsidence Treatment (454) – This national conservation practice standard is being withdrawn. If States have versions of this standard in their Field Office Technical Guides, they need to be removed.

Obstruction Removal (500) – This conservation practice standard has been reviewed and updated to the current format.

Prescribed Grazing (528A) – This is a complete revision of the Prescribed Grazing practice standard. The revision includes a new definition and an additional purpose and criteria for economic stability. Guidelines for developing a prescribed grazing plan are provided in the Plans and Specification.

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Recreation Land Grading and Shaping (566) – This conservation practice standard has been reviewed and updated to the current format. Additional criteria have been added for clarification.

Recreation Trail and Walkway (568) – This conservation practice standard has been reviewed and updated to the current format. Additional criteria have been added for clarification.

Wastewater Treatment Strip (635) – The Wastewater Treatment Strip standard is a new standard. It was developed to provide criteria for treatment of dilute liquid agricultural waste using vegetated strips. It provides criteria for three methods of treatment – rapid infiltration, overland flow, and slow rate.

Water and Sediment Control Basin (638) – This conservation practice standard has been reviewed and updated to the current format. Additional criteria have been added for clarification. The minimum required side slopes have changed. Several considerations have been added for use during planning.

Instructions.

Replace the Contents pages i through v in the NHCP with the attached revised Contents pages dated February 2002.

Insert the new or revised standards in the NHCP in alphabetical order as designated on the revised Contents pages.

Remove and archive, as appropriate, the practice standards for Dam, Diversion (348), dated 10/77; Hedgerow Planting (422), dated 10/77; Land Reclamation, Subsidence Treatment (454), dated 6/84; Obstruction Removal (500), dated 10/80; Prescribed Grazing (528A) dated 6/94; Recreation Land Grading and Shaping (566), dated 10/77; Recreation Trail and Walkway (568), dated 10/77; Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), dated 10/85.

Copies of this notice and the attachments are being sent to all State offices (or equivalent), Regional Offices, Centers, and Institutes. Additional copies may be obtained by ordering NHCP-1AB from the GSA National Forms and Publications Center, 7CPN, Warehouse 4, Dock 1, 501 West Felix Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76115, using GSA Form 49.

This notice and each of the conservation practice standards included with this notice can be accessed electronically. Access can be through either the NRCS homepage on the World Wide Web at http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/nhcp_2.html or from the FTP server in Fort Worth, Texas.

***Federal Register* Notices.**

The National Conservation Practice Standards Subcommittee (NCPSS) published notice of intent to revise or adopt these standards in the *Federal Register*. Comments were accepted for 60 days.

Guidance to the States for complying with the provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill that require advertising for public comment prior to revising NRCS State technical guides can be found in 450 – GM, Section 401.19.

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Attachments