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| | SOIL SURVEY DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A | 1. Develop policy, procedures, standards, and guidance for the soil survey program and is directly responsible for the National Cooperative Soil Survey. | X | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SSS | |
| R | 2. Provide overall leadership and guidance for the National Soil Survey Center. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | | |
| R | 3. Provide leadership in soil and vegetation interpretations to meet the needs of field operations and clients and to ensure the dissemination of soil survey information to them. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SI | |
| M | 4. Develop standards and procedures for using digital geospatial soils databases and soils data. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SSS | |
| R | 5. Develop, manage, and maintain national soils and vegetation databases, including the U.S. General Soil Map (Database (STATGO), Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO), National Soil Information System (NASIS), and National Cooperative Soil Survey Soil Characterization Database. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | | |
| M | 6. Develop and maintain a comprehensive soil and vegetation information system, and develop standards for collecting and sharing soil data. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | | |
| R | 7. Manage the soil survey analytical laboratory to provide national and international soil analyses that support field operations and agency programs, sets national and international standards, and assists other national and international laboratories in ensuring data quality. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SSS | |
| R | 8. Plan, coordinate, and recommend the allocation of funds for assigned program activities, and prepare analyses and justification statements for budget requests. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SRL | |

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| R | 9. Maintain the general manual section for soil survey policy, coordinate the publication and updating of national handbooks and manuals, and publish notices in the Federal Register on the revision of rules and procedures. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | SSPM | |
| R | 10. Provide national leadership for soil science and ecological site inventory. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SSS | |
| R | 11. Provide national program management and develop national technical standards for the soil survey program. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SQE | |
| R | 12. Provide leadership for identifying and conducting soil-survey-related research and technology development, transmitting needs to other agencies, and incorporating scientific and technical findings into the soil survey. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | ADO | |
| R | 13. Provide national technical leadership for developing and implementing policy in collecting, interpreting, disseminating, and using soil information. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SRL | |
| R | 14. Manage and maintain the soil survey analytical laboratory to provide national and international soil analyses to support field operations and agency programs, set national and international standards, and assist other national and international laboratories in ensuring data quality. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SBS | |
| R | 15. Establish and publish national and international laboratory standards for soil analyses, and serve as a standards laboratory that other national and international laboratories use to ensure their soil data quality. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SRL | |
| R | 16. Develop and maintain a National Soil Information System. | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SRL | |
| R | 17. Develop, maintain, and delineate list of prime, statewide, and local importance lands and provide support information. GM 310-403.4(f); 310.403.4(g) | | SSRA | SSD | | NSSC | | | | | NL-SBS | |
| R | 18. Provide local soil survey leadership. NSSH 430-VI 607.01(a) | | SSRA | SSD | | | X | | | | MLRA SSS | |

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| R | 19. Administer and manage MLRA soil survey production. NSSH 430-VI 608.01(a) | | SSRA | SSD | | | | | | | SSO | |
| R | 20. Maintain accurate and current descriptions of soil series and approve changes in the type and location of soil series, and provide leadership for maintaining and amending handbook for Soil Taxonomy. NSS 430-VI 614.01(b)(d) | | SSRA | SSD | | | | | | | NL-SSS MLRA ADO | |
| R | 21. Distribute soil surveys to libraries and institutions. NSSH 430-VI 644.01(g) | | SSRA | SSD | | | | | | | MLRA SSO | |
| R | 22. Provide soil survey assistance on lands administered by the USFS. MOU– NRCS/FS. | | SSRA | SSD | | | | | | | MLRA | |
| R | 23. Develop and maintain the FOTG and technical manuals. GM 180, Part 409.11(c)(13); NPPH 409.11(c). | | SSRA S&T | SSD CED ESD | | | | | | | MLRA SSO SRC SCE | |
| R | 24. Establish policy and responsibilities for developing and using the soil survey geographic database. NSSH 648.01(a)-(f). | | SSRA | SSD | | | | | | | NL-SSS | |
| RESOURCE INVENTORY DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A | 1. Provide national leadership for completing the assessment and analysis of the continuous National Resources Inventory. Rural Development Act of 1972 (7 USC Sec. 1010a). | X | SSRA | RID | | | | | | | | |
| A | 2. Design, conduct, and manage the NRI. GM 290, Part400.20(c)(e). | X | SSRA | RID | | | | | | | NRI National Statistician | |
| R | 3. Provide national leadership for coordinating and conducting assessments and analyses of: alternative policy options, proposed legislation, and program initiatives of natural resources policy issues. | | SSRA | RID RAD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 4. Provide national leadership for reports relating to resource status, condition, and trends. | | SSRA | RID RAD | | | | | | | | |
| A, R | 5. Perform cartography, remote sensing, global positioning system, and geospatial technology and data functions and operate a map/chart printing plant. GM 170, Part 400.20; 7 CFR 611.20. | | SSRA | RID RAD | | NGMC | | | | | RSL Leaders | |

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| R | 6. Provide cartography, remote sensing, GPS, and geospatial products, services, training, and technical assistance to NRCS. GM 170, Part 400.20(i). | | SSRA | RID RAD | | NGMC | | | | | RSL Leaders | |
| R | 7. Provide national leadership for policy, procedures, standards, and budget formulation for geospatial data collection, remote sensing, cartography, and global positioning systems. GM 170, Part 400.20(f). | | SSRA | RID | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 8. Budget and allocate resources for RS, GPS, and geospatial products/services acquired from sources other than NRCS. GM 170, Part 400.20(b)(e)(f). | | SSRA | RID | | NGMC | X | | | | | |
| R | 9. Release and publish resource data. GM 290, Part 400.11(c); Part 400.20(c)(e) (h)(l)(m). | | SSRA | RID RAD | | | X | | | | State NRI Specialist | |
| R | 10. Develop and maintain guidelines/specs for compiling/ digitizing NRI segments. GM 290, Part 500. | | SSRA | RID | | | | | | | NRI National Statistician RSL Leaders | |
| R | 11. Conduct NRI at State/county levels. GM 290, Part 400.20(c)(e)(h)(l)(m). | | SSRA | RID | | | X | X | X | X | RSLsState NRI Specialist | |
| R | 12. Provide technical assistance/transfer in NRI data collection to States; coordinate/oversee completion of inventory; assure consistent quality control. GM 290, 400.20(c)(e)(h)(l). | | SSRA | RID | | | | | | | State NRI Specialist, RSL Leaders | |
| R | 13. Archive and maintain NRI segment geographic database. GM 290, Part 40.20(e)(j)(l). | | SSRA | RID | | | | | | | NRI Statistical Unit | |
| R | 14. Provide leadership for resources inventory activities in the State. GM 290, Part 400.20(h)(l)(m). | | SSRA | RID | | | X | | | | State NRI Specialist | |
| R | 15. Archive NRI records at the appropriate level. GM 290, Part 400.11(b)(8); Part 400.20(j)(l)(m). | | SSRA | RID | | NGMC | X | | | | RSLs, State NRI Specialist | |

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| R | 16. Coordinate the NRI program with other Federal, State (and equivalent), Tribal, and local government resources inventory programs when feasible, practical, and consistent with NRCS's conservation mission. GM 290, Part 400.11(d); Part 400.20(c)(e)(h). | | SSRA | RID | | | X | | | | NRI National Statistician | |
| A | 17. Conducts and coordinates snow surveys and makes water supply forecasts pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. IV of 1940 (5 U.S.C. App.) | X | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 18. Directs the acquisition of snow, climate, and soil moisture and temperature data through the Western Cooperative Snow Survey Program, including developing policy and interagency agreements | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 19. Operates the Snowpack Telemetry (SNOTEL) data collection system. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 20. Operates the nationwide Soil Climate Analysis Network (SCAN) data collection system. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 21. Provides monthly or biweekly forecasts of water supply throughout the western United States. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 22. Acquires national climate data, conducts analyses, develops interpretations, and provides value-added climate products to support conservation planning. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 23. Provides data and analysis support for interagency efforts to assess drought conditions and provides weekly drought assessments. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 24. Provides snow and climate monitoring data to users in near-real-time through Internet-based data-access mechanisms. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 25. Provides near-real-time information relating to flood potential and fire conditions to emergency management agencies to minimize loss of life and property. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |

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| R | 26. Ensures that data systems are secure, ensures emergency continuity of operations, and develops safety policy guidelines for field operations for snow survey, SNOTEL, and SCAN. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 27. Develops and maintains databases to support the Field Office Technical Guide and specific resource planning needs, such as the National Pesticide Properties Database. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 28. Develops information, guidance, and tools to support conservation planning and enhance the delivery of conservation, including computer-based tools. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 29. Provides direct assistance to State offices to implement new technology or to carry out special projects. | | SSRA | RID | | NWCC | | | | | | |
| RESOURCE ASSESSMENT DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A | 1. Administer the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act Appraisal of 1977. GM 130, Part 402.1(a)(3). | X | SSRA | RAD | | | | | | | | |
| A | 2. Provide national leadership for completing the assessment and analysis for use in the development of the National Conservation Plan mandated in the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977. (RCA'77)(PL 95-192, November 18, 1977, 91 Stat. 1407, 16 USC 2001 et. Seq.). | X | SSRA | RAD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 3. Serve as liaison to the USDA Interagency working group on the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977. GM 130, Part 402.3(a). | | SSRA | RAD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 4. Provide national leadership for coordinating and conducting assessments and analyses of: alternative policy options, proposed legislation, and program initiatives of natural resources policy issues. | | SSRA | RAD RID | | | | | | | | |
| R | 5. Provide national leadership for reports relating to resource status, condition, and trends. | | SSRA | RAD RID | | | | | | | | |

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| R | 6. Plan, coordinate, and recommend the allocation of funds for assigned program activities, and prepare analyses and justification statements for budget requests. | | SSRA | RAD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 7. Provide national leadership for designing, conducting, and publishing Conservation Efforts Assessment Project (CEAP) national and regional studies. | | SSRA | RAD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 8. Provide national leadership for designing and publishing CEAP watershed scale assessments. | | SSRA | RAD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 9. Provide national leadership for developing and publishing CEAP bibliographies and literature reviews. | | SSRA | RAD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 10. Perform cartography, remote sensing, global positioning system, and geospatial technology and data functions and operate a map/chart printing plant. GM 170, Part 400.20; 7 CFR 611.20. | | SSRA | RAD RID | | | | | | | RSL Leaders | |
| R | 11. Provide cartography, remote sensing, GPS, and geospatial products, services, training, and technical assistance to NRCS. GM 170, Part 400.20(i). | | SSRA | RAD RID | | | | | | | RSL Leaders | |
| R | 12. Release and publish resource data. GM 290, Part 400.11(c); Part 400.20(c)(e) (h)(l)(m). | | SSRA | RAD RID | | | | | | | State NRI Specialist | |
| | INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R | 1. Establish policies and procedures for the Agency's involvement in providing assistance to foreign governments, international agencies, and organizations. | | SSRA | IPD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 2. Provide policy and procedures for identifying qualified personnel to provide technical assistance to Foreign governments, including U.S. Trust Territories, and arranging for staffing assignments. | | SSRA | IPD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 3. Provide plans and schedules for on-the-job U.S. training programs for foreign nationals and serve as the primary point of contact for foreign visitors seeking assistance from NRCS. | | SSRA | IPD | | | | | | | | |

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| R | 4. Provide policies and procedures for international travel and assist Agency employees with travel clearances, passports, visas, and security clearances. | | SSRA | IPD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 5. Provide policies and procedures for Agency participation in scientific and technical exchanges and attendance at international meetings. | | SSRA | IPD | | | | | | | | |
| R | 6. Serve as the point of contact for global issues and developments that may impact NRCS functions. | | SSRA | IPD | | | | | | | | |
| | NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL MANAGEMENT CENTER PROGRAMS DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R | 1. Provide leadership to NRCS for geospatial sciences, including Cartography; Remote Sensing (RS); Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT); Geographic Information Systems (GIS); and geospatial data management. GM 170, Part 400.1; A, (4). and GM 170, Part 400.1; B, (4). (i) 7 CFR Section 611.20. | | SSRA | RID RAD | | NGMC | | | | | RSL Leaders | |
| R | 2. Provide cartography, remote sensing, GPS, and geospatial products, services, training, and technical assistance to NRCS. GM 170, Part 400.20(i). | | SSRA | RID RAD | | NGMC | | | | | RSL Leaders | |
| R | 3. Provide national leadership for policy, procedures, standards, and budget formulation for geospatial data collection, remote sensing, cartography, and global positioning systems. GM 170, Part 400.20(f). | | SSRA | RID | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 4. Coordinate geospatial data needs and requirements for NRCS programs. GM 170, Parts 400.20(c), (f), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and Part 401.21 | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 5. Coordinate RS, GPS, and geospatial activities at NHQ (with other Federal and State agencies). GM 170, Part 400.20(f). | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | National Geospatial Leader | |
| R | 6. Budget and allocate resources for RS, GPS, and geospatial products/services acquired from sources other than NRCS. GM 170, Part 400.20(b)(e)(f). | | SSRA | RID | | NGMC | X | | | | | |

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| R | 7. Provide program management of HU Mapping and Digitizing activity. GM 170, Part 400.36(f)(g)(h). | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 8. Develop and maintain guidelines/specs for mapping/digitizing HU boundaries. GM 170, Part 400.36(f)(g)(h). | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 9. Serves as the NRCS Geospatial Data Archival and Distribution Authority to include archiving of Government Information Locator Service records, archiving copies of soils (SSURGO) data offsite, producing and disseminating NRCS geospatial catalogs of all data for NRCS, disseminating data by tape, CD-ROM, Web applications and file transfer protocol on the Internet based on customers' needs. GM 170, Part 400.38 (A) (1). | | SSRA | | | NGMC | X | X | | | CIO | |
| R | 10. Provides digital ortho imagery and satellite imagery products, digital map finishing print-on-demand products, high-quality reproductions, and digital data to NRCS State Offices (and equivalent) for field office service center applications and the soil survey program. GM 170, Part 400.20 (F) (12)(vi). | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 11. Initiate short duration natural phenomena reports. | | SSRA | | | NGMC NWCC | | | | | | |
| R | 12. Archive NRI records at the appropriate level. GM 290, Part 400.11(b)(8); Part 400.20(j)(1)(m). | | SSRA | X-RID | | NGMC | X | | | | RSLs, State NRI Specialist | |
| R | 13. Provides leadership, guidance, and representation to the agency for matters relating to the use of the electromagnetic spectrum for GNSS PNT, GNSS survey radio modems for real time kinematic (RTK) surveys, cellular RTK, GNSS spectrum protection, and it-situ monitoring. | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |

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| R | 14. Provides NRI technical assistance, training, and guidance in cartography, geospatial data and services, GPS, RS, photo interpretation, image acquisition, planning and coordination, data services to support data collection processes, procedures, standards, and quality control for the NRI program, and maintain integrity and confidentiality of sample locations and sites. GM 290, Part 400.11(H). | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 15. Ensures technical geospatial leadership in the development of enterprise geodatabases for all NRCS program applications. GM 170, Part 400.36 (B). | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 16. Coordinates the acquisition and deployment of imagery for the National Resources Inventory (NRI), National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP), and National Digital Orthophoto Program (NDOP); coordination activities include formulating the budget, working with the Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO) to purchase the imagery from a nationwide contract, and ensuring that imagery meets NRI requirements. GM 170, Part 400.20(F) (2). (1X) 2010 APFO NCGC Charter. | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 17. Provides geospatial support to the National Cooperative Soil Survey Program MLRA inventory, provides guidance for National Soil Geographic Database development, and provides support for the development of authoritative geospatial data themes/base layers for the Web Soil Survey. GM-170, Part 400.20 (F)(7). | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 18. Provides NRCS leadership to foster federal and other partnerships for geospatial business solutions with the Farm Services Agency-Aerial Photography field Office and USGS. GM-170, Part 400, Section 400.20, F(2)(4). | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |

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| R | 19. Provides NRCS leadership for developing and advocating the elevation data strategy for NRCS business applications. GM-170, Part 400, Section 400.20(A), F(4); GM-170, Part 400, Section 400.34(B), (8). | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |
| R | 20. Serves as the official NRCS Esri® Authorized Learning Center. | | SSRA | | | NGMC | | | | | | |