

Part 309 – Resource Concerns and Planning Criteria

Subpart B – Policy and Responsibilities

309.10 Policy

- A. Access to the document “NRCS Resource Concern List and Planning Criteria” is of critical importance to the conservation planning process and must be publicly accessible through the FOTG, Section III as established in Title 450, General Manual, Part 401, Section 401.1.
- B. These resource concerns must be integrated into all NRCS business tools used for conservation planning, resource assessment, practice design and installation, financial assistance programs, easement programs, conservation implementation, and results reporting.

309.11 Responsibilities

- A. National discipline leads are responsible for the description, objectives, and planning criteria for their respective resource concerns.
- B. The National Field Office Technical Guide Committee approves the overall list of resource concerns and content of the NRCS Resource Concern List and Planning Criteria document.
- C. States will add a link in the FOTG Section III to the nationally approved document according to the section 309.1, “Special Instructions” in subpart A of this document.
 - (1) States will not modify the national list of resource concerns or planning criteria.
 - (2) States can add additional assessment tools after consultation with the national discipline lead(s) responsible for the resource concern. State addition of assessment tools will be documented and posted to NRCS eDirectives by State supplement to this national instruction.