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SUBJECT: ECS – AGREEMENT WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES (IDNR) FORESTRY BUREAU

PURPOSE. To inform NRCS employees of an agreement with the IDNR Forestry Bureau for the provision of forest management planning services.

EXPIRATION DATE. September 30, 2013

Iowa NRCS recently entered into a contribution agreement with the IDNR Forestry Bureau. This agreement provides assistance to private landowners for the development of forest management plans by IDNR district foresters.

Specifically, for each conservation program and practice application, the IDNR will provide conservation planning assistance, practice design, oversight of practice installation and practice certification. Tasks covered under the agreement include:

- Development of plan maps,
- Conservation plan development,
- Resource inventory and evaluation, and
- On-site assessment of planning alternatives and environmental compliance inventories (evaluation for T&E species).

Additional assistance could involve administration of program contracts such as: developing modifications, preparing payment documents, and performing status reviews.

NRCS employees are encouraged to refer interested landowners to their respective district foresters. NRCS employees are also to provide IDNR personnel access to all official records, contract documents, and other materials as necessary to assure participants receive timely and effective technical assistance. By prior mutual agreement, the IDNR and NRCS will conduct cooperative quality assurance checks of the work carried out under this agreement.

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