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**SUBJECT: LTP- Conservation Stewardship Program- Fiscal Year
2013 Sign-up Deadlines**

Action required by: (Field Offices [FOs])
June 14, 2013 Application cutoff
July 10, 2013 Rank applications/ Waivers submitted
July 19, 2013 Preapproval letters
July 26, 2013 Field reviews completed
August 9, 2013 Corrections to CMT completed
August 23, 2013 Documents submitted for second level
 reviews

Action required by: (Area Offices [AOs])
August 2, 2013 Peer reviews completed
September 13, 2013 Obligations completed

Action required by: (State Office [SO])
July 12, 2013 Applications preapproved

Purpose. Provide fiscal year (FY) 2013 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP 2008) deadlines

Expiration Date. September 30, 2014

CSP 2008 applications may be submitted on a continuous sign-up basis throughout the year. There will be at least one ranking period each FY. Applicants wishing to be considered during the first ranking period for FY2013 must submit their application by close of business (COB) **June 14, 2013**.

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FOs will rank all eligible applications by COB **July 10, 2013**. Applicants must be the operator of record and have up-to-date eligibility information filled out with the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Operator of Record waivers must be submitted to the SO by COB **July 10, 2013**. **Any received after this date will not be processed** (Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], 1470.6). The SO will set applications to “preapproved” status by COB **July 12, 2013**.

Preapproval letters shall be mailed to participants by **July 19, 2013**.

Preapproved applications must have an onsite field verification conducted to ensure that benchmark conditions match the Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT). Field reviews will be completed by **July 26, 2013**.

Peer reviews need to be completed by the AO by **August 2, 2013**.

Corrections to the CMT that need to be made after field and peer reviews will be completed by **August 9, 2013**.

Stewardship plans must be completed and documents must be submitted to the SO Financial Management (FNM) Staff for second level review by **August 23, 2013**. Approvals will be made by the area office as the second level review process is completed.

Area offices will ensure all approvals and obligations are completed by **September 13, 2013**.

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