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Pacific Islands Area Technical Note Announcement PI-38

SUBJECT: Releases the new Biology Technical Note 23 – Pacific Islands Area Wildlife Habitat Assessment

Instructions.

Please refer to the following table for a description of the specific documents released. The documents have been posted to Pacific Islands Area Technical Notes site and are available for viewing and printing online at: http://www.pia.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/PIA_TechnicalNotes.html.

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The following is a description of the documents being released:

Document	Description
1. Announcement PI-38	New Announcement PI-38.
2. PI Announcements Index	Revised Announcements Index.
4. PI Plant Materials Technical Notes Index	Revised Biology Technical Notes Index.
6. Biology Technical Note 23	<p>Pacific Islands Area Wildlife Habitat Assessment (WHAG). The WHAG is designed to provide the NRCS planner with a consistent method of determining the value of aquatic and terrestrial habitat in the planning area. This guide can be used to evaluate all land uses and lands where wildlife resource concerns are being evaluated. This assessment tool is meant to evaluate land for the ability to support multiple species as opposed to a species-specific Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) procedure. When the client wants to manage for a specific species refer to USGS, FWS, or NRCS technical notes or resources. When a Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) does not exist for that species contact your area or state biologist or planner with appropriate Job Approval Authority. Use the WHAG to evaluate current conditions and conditions to be expected after application of alternative conservation systems.</p>

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