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Pacific Islands Area Technical Note Announcement PI-32

SUBJECT: Release of the Revised Biology Technical Note No. 18 – ESA Section 7 Process

Instructions.

Please refer to the following table for a description of the specific documents released. The documents have been posted to Pacific Islands Area ftp site and are available for viewing and printing online at: <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/HI/pub/technotes/> under folder titled, "0_Tech_Note_Ann_Pi-32_Revised_ESA_Section7_Process_October_2011."

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Distribution: AE (All Employees)

The following is a description of the documents being released:

Document	Description
1. Announcement PI-32	New Announcement PI-32.
2. PI Announcements Index	Revised Announcements Index dated October 28, 2011
3. PI Biology Technical Notes Index	Revised Biology Technical Notes Index dated October 28, 2011.
4. Revised Biology Technical Note No. 18	<p>Biology Technical Note No. 18 was updated and following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to reflect changes to NRCS ESA policy and to reflect changes to protocol outlines in the attachments; new policy to only include those practices that May Affect in the NLAA letters, in combination with No Effect practices in Attachment B; and references to the CPA-52. • Island Geographic's contact information was updated. • Attachment A was updated to include request for Candidate species information, in addition to Threatened and Endangered and Critical Habitat information. • Attachment B was updated to reflect the need to address Candidate species and changed from a No Effect Worksheet to a Determination Worksheet with a No Effects as well as May Affect sections. • Attachment C was dropped (and subsequent attachments re-lettered). • Attachment D (now C) was updated with current USFWS contact information and Angel's signature (from Larry's). • Attachment E (now D) was updated to a more recent sample letter. • Attachment F (now E) was updated with Angel's signature (from Larry's). • Attachment G (now F) was just renamed.