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SUBJECT: CPA – Non-Industrial Private Forestlands in the Conservation Stewardship Program

Purpose: To provide policy and guidance for enrolling Non-Industrial Private Forestlands into the Conservation Stewardship Program

Expiration Date: September 30, 2010

For the purpose of enrolling Non-Industrial Private Forestlands (NIPF) into the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) the following size limitations will be adhered to;

The minimum area for classification as forest land will be **equal to or greater than 10 acres**. All other NIPF criteria, as defined, must be met.

Forest openings and incidental areas of non-forestland cover (e.g. wetlands, gravel pits, or rock outcrops) within the forest are eligible for inclusion in the NIPF acreage **provided that any one opening does not exceed 2 acres in size**. (Example: a 100 acre wood lot is submitted for enrollment into CSP. Within the boundaries of this tract of land there is a 2.5 acre gravel pit, a 2.5 acre non-forested wetland and a 1 acre rock outcrop. The areas that exceed 2 acres may not be included in the enrollment. Therefore the eligible area for enrollment into CSP is 95 acres.)

**NIPF Definition:** NIPF is a Land cover/use category that is at least 10 percent stocked by single-stemmed woody species of any size that will be at least 4 meters (13 feet) tall at maturity. Also included is land bearing evidence of natural regeneration of tree cover (cut over forest or abandoned farmland) and not currently developed for non-forest use. Ten percent stocked, when viewed from a vertical direction, equates to an aerial canopy cover of leaves and branches of 25% or greater.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Spielman at (603) 868-7581.

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