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WASHINGTON BULLETIN WA 190-10-1

SUBJECT: ECS - Cultural Resources in Conservation Planning

**Purpose.** To transmit "Note to File Regarding Undertakings that have been determined to have no Potential to Affect Historic Properties"

**Expiration Date.** June 15, 2011

The attached memo provides a list of conservation practices and activities that have been determined to have no potential to effect historic properties, even if the practice is implemented on areas where historic properties may be present. As such, there is no obligation by the Agency for further review or consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

This decision is applicable on all but Tribal Lands, and is retroactive to all pending practices under all financial programs administered by NRCS.

The list will be reviewed and updated as needed, but at a minimum on an annual basis.

**Action Required:**

If all practices in a project are exempt per the attached memo, a copy of the "Note to File" memo shall be included as documentation to support the Cultural Resources Guidance Worksheet for the CPA-52. Complete the Cultural Resource Guidance Worksheet of the WA-CPA-52 steps 1 and 2 and add to the case file. No other documentation is required and practice implementation may proceed.

When some practices in a project require cultural resources review and others do not, complete the Cultural Resources Guidance Worksheet of the WA-CPA-52 for all practices through the applicable steps. Attach a copy of the "Note to File" memo to the WA-CPA-52. Implementation may proceed on the exempt practices while further review commences on the remaining undertakings.

For Conservation Security Program and Conservation Stewardship Program enhancements, refer to the nationally developed list that links these enhancements to specific conservation practices. Enhancements associated with practices on the attached memo shall be treated the same as the listed practice.

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Area Conservationists will ensure that all undertakings in their respective areas be recorded in Performance Results System (PRS) under the proper category. The practices listed on the attached memo should be recorded as "undertakings reviewed" along with their corresponding number and acres.

As with any undertaking, if inadvertent discovery of human remains is made, cease all activity which may cause further disturbance to the remains, make a reasonable effort to protect the area from further disturbance, and report the presence and location of those remains to the county coroner and local law enforcement. NRCS shall additionally contact the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and tribes within 24 hours of discovery. For inadvertent discoveries other than those that contain human remains, cease all activities affecting the resources to allow significance of the find(s) to be determined. The Area Cultural Resources Specialist will be notified immediately and consultation with SHPO, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and tribes will begin as soon as possible following discovery.

Questions may be directed to Paul Scales, State Resource Conservationist, at [paul.scales@wa.usda.gov](mailto:paul.scales@wa.usda.gov).

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Attachment

### Note to File Regarding Undertakings that have been Determined to have no Potential to Affect Historic Properties

In order to provide timely conservation assistance to the diverse NRCS customers dependent upon agricultural, range and forest production in the State, there is a need to identify conservation practices and conservation activities that do not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties.

Per the authorities defined in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Part 800.3 and the regulations pertinent to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the State Conservationist for NRCS in Washington, as the Responsible Federal Official, has determined the following to be a list of conservation practices and activities that do not need to be evaluated on a case by case basis, regardless of where they are proposed for implementation (excluding Tribal Lands).

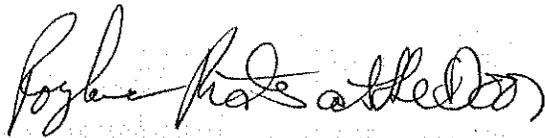
These undertakings, and all activities associated with the undertaking (e.g. CSP Enhancements), are deemed to have no potential to cause effects on historic properties, assuming such historic properties were present, and there are no further obligations under Section 106 of the NHPA or ACHP's regulations. This decision is retroactive to all pending practices under all financial assistance programs administered by NRCS.

A copy of this memo shall be included as documentation to support the Cultural Resources Guidance Worksheet for the CPA-52, and implementation may proceed as planned on these practices or activities associated with the practice.

PRACTICE STANDARD NO.	PRACTICE NAME	UNITS
472	Access Control	Ac.
591	Amendments for the Treatment of Agricultural Waste	AU
450	Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application	Ac.
370	Atmospheric Resource Quality Management	Ac.
326	Clearing and Snagging	Ft.
328	Conservation Crop Rotation	Ac.
554	Drainage Water Management	Ac.
592	Feed Management	No. & AU
399	Fishpond Management	Ac.
511	Forage Harvest Management	Ac.
595	Integrated Pest Management (formerly Pest Management)	Ac.

449	Irrigation Water Management	Ac.
484	Mulching	Ac.
590	Nutrient Management	Ac.
521C	Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant	No.
521D	Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment	No.
521A	Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane	No.
521B	Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant	No.
528	Prescribed Grazing	Ac.
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till	Ac.
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed	Ac.
346	Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till	Ac.
344	Residue Management, Seasonal	Ac.
798	Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops	SqFt
660	Tree/Shrub Pruning	Ac.
367	Waste Facility Cover	No.
355	Water Well Testing	No.
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	Ac.

In addition to the above list, activities associated with the National Cooperative Soil Survey program that involve no ground disturbance or are limited to small scale field investigations such as shovel holes, auger holes, probe holes, and/or core holes are also deemed to have no adverse effect on historic properties, and may be conducted with no further obligations under Section 106 of the NHPA or ACHP's regulations.



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