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Subject: ECS – ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NRCS ENVIRONMENTAL CREDIT TRADING INFORMATION SERIES - CARBON CREDIT TRADING ON RANGELANDS

**Purpose.** To announce a new NRCS Environmental Credit Trading Information Series, the first of which is on Carbon Credit Trading on Rangelands.

**Expiration Date.** September 30, 2007

**Background.** Facilitating the growth of market-based opportunities that encourage the private sector to invest in conservation on private lands is an overarching strategy of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Environmental Credit Trading is one market-based approach that can help us meet this nations' conservation and environmental protection goals. Greenhouse gas emission reduction (including carbon sequestration), wetland mitigation banking, water quality credit trading (including nutrient trading) and habitat credit trading are all types of environmental credit trading markets that have the potential to produce win-win situations for the environment, agricultural and forestry producers, and the general public. Environmental Credit Trading complements NRCS programs by leveraging conservation payments from the private sector and NRCS can support these markets by creating reliable information through our existing programs and activities.

**Explanation.** The NRCS Environmental Credit Trading Information Series is designed to prepare employees to answer questions for producers and land managers who visit Service Centers or ask to learn more about environmental credit trading and other marketing mechanisms that might be available. The first informational document in this series covers Carbon Credit Trading on Rangelands. Other environmental credit trading Informational documents are currently in production and will be distributed as they become final. As environmental markets evolve, additional documents in this series will be developed.

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