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SUBJECT: MGT – Payment Schedules

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A decision has been made to nationalize and automate payment schedules with the primary objective of achieving more consistency in scenarios and costs. This will require policy modification to develop and administer payment schedules at a Multi-State level. The Executive Sponsors for this effort include the Regional Conservationists (Lead), and the Deputy Chiefs for Programs, Science and Technology, Soil Survey and Resource Assessment, and Strategic Planning and Accountability.

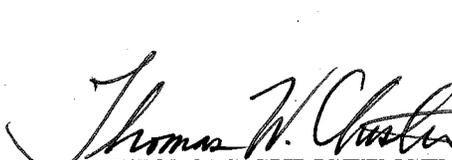
A multi-disciplinary core team has been appointed to oversee this effort. The team includes Chris Tippie (Lead), Jay Atwood, Jon Vrana, Hal Gordon, Phil McLoud, Bill Kuenstler, James Rowe, and Mark Parson.

A variety of working groups will be designated to help carry out this important task. Key individuals within States with expertise in development and maintenance of payment schedules will be needed to help transition from State-based payment schedules.

Implementation will be in fiscal year (FY) 2012 based on a project plan completed by the core team with the approval of the Executive Sponsors and the Chief.

Additional information will be forthcoming on specific instructions for actions required by State Conservationists. Until further notice, the only action required, if not already completed, is to upload proposed FY 2012 payment schedule workbooks to the National Payment Schedule Library according to Conservation Programs Manual 512.31C(1). This action should have been completed by July 1, 2011.

All other activity related to payment schedules should be suspended until further instructions are issued.

		
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