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SUBJECT: LTP - Conservation Reserve Program; extension and reenrollment plan development and guidance.

Purpose. To transmit information and guidance for completing plan development for CRP extensions and re-enrollments.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2009

Re-enrollment/extensions: Guidance from the National Office (National Bulletin 300-9-26) has indicated that Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract extensions will be completed by making pen and ink changes to the original plan and resigning that plan. All reenrollment plans must be developed in Customer Service Toolkit. There have been additional narratives loaded to assist in facilitating plan development. To the extent possible we should be utilizing the existing information located in the old CRP contract file to limit the time needed to accomplish the reenrollment planning process. FSA maps can be used as most of the CRP acres have been digitized and included in the Common Land Units Layer.

If the reenrollment acres are decreasing staff need to ensure the remaining acres will still treat the original resource concerns. CP-15 reenrollments should not be reduced as these were originally laid out as a system, under specific size restrictions, to treat specific resource concerns. Participants will be encouraged to reenroll the original acres to continue meeting standards and specifications.

CP-21 reenrollments are required to be reduced to current standards.

Field inspections will be required to determine that the vegetation meets certification criteria. If it is not adequate NRCS will include any necessary reestablishment or enhancement practices, if needed, to get the reenrolled acres back to certification requirements. The following will be included in all reenrollment plans:

327 Conservation Cover - specifying original CP practice with reference to the CRP Operation and Maintenance job sheet (attached). This job sheet will also cover O&M for food plots and watering facilities to eliminate the need to include separate job sheets and reduce entries in Toolkit for those practices.

327 Conservation Cover - Mid Contract Management with reference to MCM job sheet (attached).

472 Access Control - standard narrative with reference to job sheet (electronic version attached).

645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management - consider reporting when Mid Contract Management is completed.

CRP Conservation Plan Worksheet (attached for Mid Contract Management - use Mid Management tab).

Field Staff should consider placing the reenrollment plan and other documents in the original CRP contract folder to reduce workload and retain historical information regarding the original contract.

The deadline for extensions to be delivered to FSA for contracts expiring in 2009 is September 30, 2009.

Re-enrollments will be completed as quickly as possible.

Question related to this action should be directed to Paul Scales, State Resource Conservationist, (509) 323-2961.

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Attachments