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SUBJECT: PGM - Availability of Easement Geodatabase and High Resolution Imagery

Purpose. Provide access information to easement geodatabase and imagery.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) easement boundaries have been assembled into a National Seamless Layer stored in a Geodatabase from data provided by NRCS State Offices. The National Easement Geodatabase is composed primarily of the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) but also contains easements for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP), Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), and Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) for a few states.

The Easement Program Division has invested in high resolution imagery for monitoring and the data has been stored in the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) image server for high quality rapid display. The boundaries and imagery have been combined into web services using ArcGIS Server technology to offer the information in an easy to use Internet Explorer display.

The National Cartography and Geospatial Center (NCGC) created two user guides to assist staff in getting the maximum benefit of the map and data services. The first guide is for the casual users and is attached with this bulletin. The other is for the advanced Geographic Information System (GIS) users and is available upon request.

This imagery is an excellent tool for conducting annual compliance reviews of NRCS WRP easement property. It contains imagery from 2007 and 2008 flights. Data can be accessed through the internet on two different sites, one for public use and one for NRCS employees.

Public: <http://gdwweb1.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/Easements/>

NRCS: <http://ncgcws.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/easements/imagery/>

If you have questions on the use of this data please contact Dave Brower, Cartographer, at (509) 323-2962.

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