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SUBJECT: FY2009 Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) State Plan - Updated Timeline

Purpose. Transmit FY2009 WRP State Plan - Updated Timeline

Expiration Date. September 30, 2009

This bulletin transmits the updated timeline for the FY2009 Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) State Plan. Due to the audit activities, the attached file updates the timeline for administering the WRP activities in FY 2009. Dates that are in parenthesis are for the second round to WRP application ranking funding cycle.

If you have any questions please contact Dave Brown, ASTC-P, at (509) 323-2971 or Chad Dunnahoo, State WRP Coordinator, at (509) 323-2991.

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TIMELINE & DUE DATES

DATE	ACTION
Nov. 14, 2008 (April 3, 2009)	Application cut off date for the initial round of ranking. Applications must be completed and signed by this date to be considered for this round of ranking.
February 4, 2009 (May 1, 2009)	Deeds and maps due to State Office. For each application received by the cut-off date, provide deed and map with boundary of proposed easement/agreement to the attention of Chad Dunnahoo for initiation of the Environmental Due Diligence/All Appropriate Inquiry and Preliminary Title Search.
February 20, 2009	Submission of Existing Easement and Agreement Information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Easement/Agreement data spreadsheet • Updated restoration plans • Updated budgets
March 4, 2009 (May 29, 2009)	WRP Ranking Packets due to State Office. For each application received by the cut-off date, provide the following materials, in a WRP ranking packet, to the attention of Chad Dunnahoo: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRP application • WRP Ranking Worksheets (attached) • letter from the NRCS field person to the STC that the proposed applicant and acreage are eligible for WRP • verification from FSA of HEL/WC and AGI compliance • copy of the landowner's deed (and Incorporation Papers, if applicable) • estimated easement/agreement acres • preliminary restoration plan with estimated restoration costs • plan map, soils map and soils descriptions • wetlands map that corresponds to wetlands types listed on the ranking worksheet • Environmental Evaluation form • preliminary certificate of inspection and possession (attached) • AAI Worksheet 3 (attached) • written easement offer price from landowner if applicable • name of NRCS Field Office employee who is the designated contact for the project
March 19, 2009 (June 9, 2009)	Meeting to review and rank applications. An interdisciplinary team will review all applications and ranking packets at the State Office and select applications for funding. Area Conservationists are encouraged to invite area or field office staff to participate in person or by teleconference.
March 23, 2009 (July 10, 2009)	Offer Agreement to Purchase is sent to selected applicants by State Office. Applicant must respond within 10 days.
April 3, 2009 (July 31, 2009)	Applicant response to Offer Agreement due along with 1199. Request for funding sent by State Office to NHQ, based on accepted offers.
April 10, 2009 (August 7, 2009)	Funds are obligated and selected applicants are notified by State Office.