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SUBJECT: ECS - Cultural Resources in Conservation Planning

Purpose. To transmit a revision to the "Note to File Regarding Undertakings that have been Determined to have no Potential to Affect Historic Properties"

Expiration Date. July 2, 2011

The attached list supersedes the list sent out under Washington Bulletin WA 190-10-1 dated June 15, 2010. Upon further review, nine conservation practices have been added. No other changes were made to the content of the previous Bulletin, as reiterated below.

The attached "Note to File" provides a list of conservation practices and activities that have been determined to not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties, assuming such historic properties were present. As such, there is no obligation by the Agency for further review or consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

This decision is applicable on all but Tribal Lands, and is retroactive to all pending practices under all financial programs administered by NRCS.

The list of practices will be reviewed and updated as needed, but at a minimum on an annual basis.

Action Required:

If all practices in a project are exempt per the attached "Note to File", a copy of the "Note to File" shall be included as documentation to support the Cultural Resources Guidance Worksheet of the CPA-52. Complete the Cultural Resource Guidance Worksheet of the WA-CPA-52 steps 1 and 2 and add to the case file. No other documentation is required and practice implementation may proceed.

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When some practices in a project require cultural resources review and others do not, complete the Cultural Resources Guidance Worksheet of the WA-CPA-52 for all practices through the applicable steps. Attach a copy of the "Note to File" to the WA-CPA-52. Implementation may proceed on the exempt practices while further review commences on the remaining undertakings.

For Conservation Security Program and Conservation Stewardship Program Enhancements, refer to the nationally developed list that links these Enhancements to specific Conservation Practices. Enhancements associated with practices on the attached "Note to File" shall be treated the same as the listed practice.

Area Conservationists will ensure that all undertakings in their respective Areas are recorded in PRS under the proper category. The practices listed on the attached "Note to File" should be recorded as "undertakings reviewed" along with their corresponding number and acres.

As with any undertaking, if inadvertent discovery of human remains is made, cease all activity which may cause further disturbance to the remains, make a reasonable effort to protect the area from further disturbance, and report the presence and location of those remains to the county coroner and local law enforcement. NRCS shall additionally contact the SHPO, THPO and tribes within 24 hours of discovery. For inadvertent discoveries other than those that contain human remains, cease all activities affecting the resources to allow significance of the find(s) to be determined. The Area Cultural Resources Specialist will be notified immediately and consultation with SHPO, ACHP and tribes will begin as soon as possible following discovery.

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Attachment - "Note to File"