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NATIONAL ENGINEERING FIELD HANDBOOK SERIES (PART 650/BOOK I)
Montana Supplement to the Engineering Field Handbook (Thunderbook)
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AMENDMENT MT16

SUBJECT: ENG--DISTRIBUTION OF THE EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION (EWP) INDEX TAB AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS FOR MONTANA (MT-EWP-118 THROUGH MT-EWP-124); REVISED CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS COVER SHEET (MT-ENG-7) AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS WORKSHEET (MT-ENG-7A); AND TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR CHAPTERS 50 AND 53.

Purpose: To distribute new Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Index Tab and Construction Specifications for Montana for Directional Tree Felling (MT-EWP-118) dated September 2000; Emergency Burned Area Seeding (MT-EWP-119) dated September 2000; Contour Tree Felling (MT-EWP-120) dated September 2000; Contour Straw Wattles (MT-EWP-121) dated September 2000; Hydro Seeding and Mulching (MT-EWP-122) dated September 2000; Earthen Road Erosion Control Measures (MT-EWP-123) dated October 2000; and Hazardous Tree Felling and Rock Removal dated September 2000; revised Construction Specifications Cover Sheet (MT-ENG-7) and Special Provisions Worksheet (MT-ENG-7a) both dated September 2000 and Table of Contents for Chapters 50 and 53 dated October 2000.

Effective Date: When filed.

Explanation of Changes: The Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Construction Specifications (MT-EWP-118 through MT-EWP-124) were developed to assist with the preparation of contracts for the EWP program on the Montana fires. Construction Specifications Cover Sheet (MT-ENG-7) and Special Provisions Worksheet (MT-ENG-7A) were revised and will be used for listing all pertinent information related to the contract file for the Montana fires (2000). The construction drawings that will be used with these specifications will be filed in the Standard Drawing Handbook for Conservation Practices under the EWP Index Tab section. The electronic version of the specifications are listed on the Montana NRCS web site:

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/eng/specifications.html> drawings are at:

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/eng/drawings.html>; MT-ENG-7 and MT-ENG-7A are under:

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/eng/worksheets.html>.

Filing Instructions: In the Montana Supplement to the Engineering Field Handbook, Chapter 50, Engineering Specifications, remove and replace Table of Contents, pages 50-3/4 dated 10/98 and 7/99. Insert Emergency Watershed Protection Index Tab and Construction Specifications MT-EWP-118 through MT-EWP-124 after Montana Construction Specification, Drainfill and Filters (MT-117). In Chapter 53, Engineering Worksheets, remove and replace Table of Contents, pages 53-7/8 dated 11/99. In Chapter 53, remove and replace Construction Specifications Cover Sheet (MT-ENG-7) and Special Provisions Worksheet (MT-ENG-7A) both dated 4/93 in the plastic slip covers. Please record Amendment MT16 on your Montana tabulation sheet. If you have any questions, please call ReNae Grantier at (406) 587-6822.

/s/ by Shirley Gammon on (October 12, 2000) / rg

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Enclosure

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All Holders of the Engineering Field Handbook (Montana Supplement)