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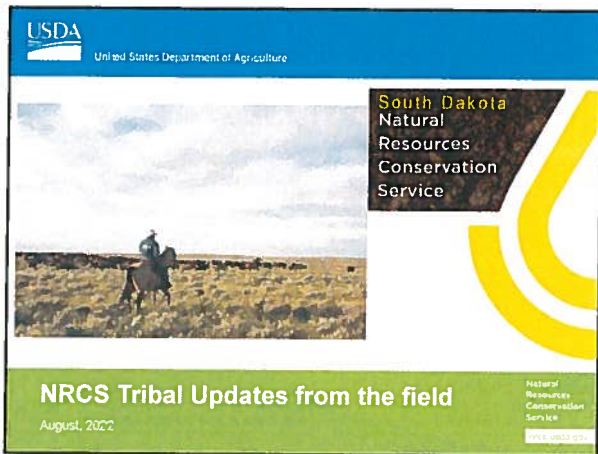
Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Virtual Meeting – Teams Meeting

August 18, 2022

10 a.m. (CDT)

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| 1. Welcome and Introduction | Tony Sunseri |
| 2. Follow-up from Our Last Meeting | Tony Sunseri |
| 3. COVID Update | Tony Sunseri |
| 4. Tribal Liaison/Partner Update | Darrel DuVall |
| 5. Soil Health Update | Kent Vlieger |
| 6. Financial Assistance Program Updates | |
| • Regional Conservation Partnership Program | Krecia Leddy |
| • Environmental Quality Incentives Program | Jennifer Wurtz |
| • Conservation Stewardship Program | Brandon Kottke |
| • Agricultural Conservation Easement Program | Marcus Rock |
| 7. Farm Service Agency Updates | |
| • Conservation Reserve Program | Owen Fagerhaug, FSA |
| 8. Partner Topics | |
| 9. Other | |
| 10. Next Meeting | |
| • The date has not been set at this time | |
| • Suggested Agenda Items | |



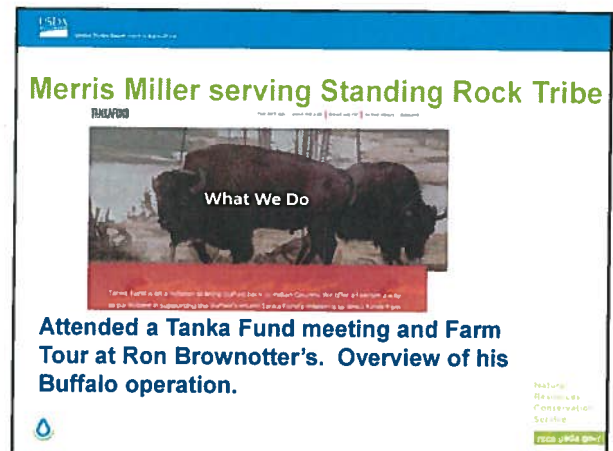
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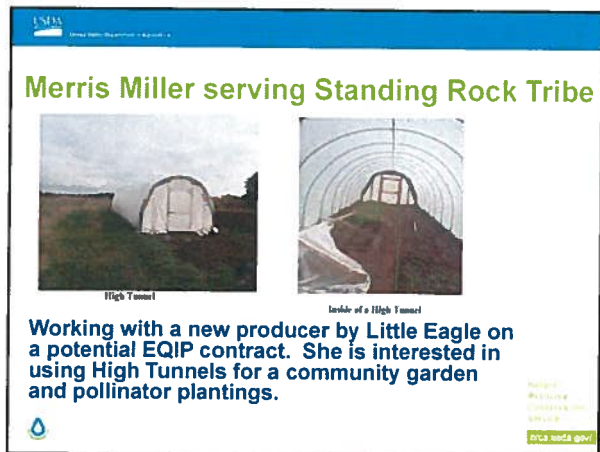
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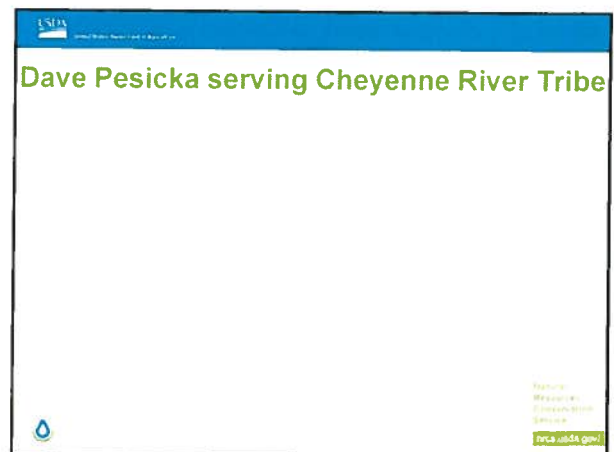
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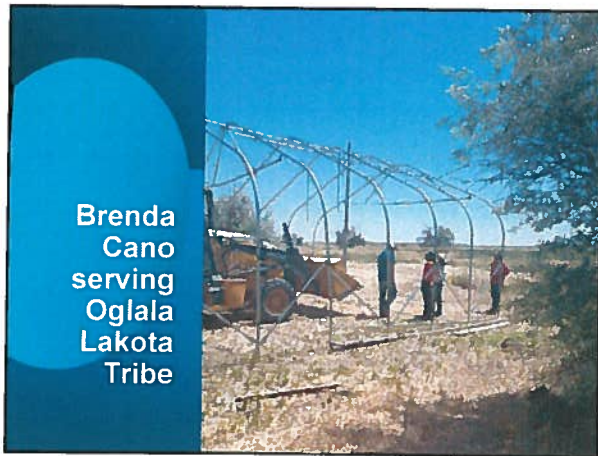
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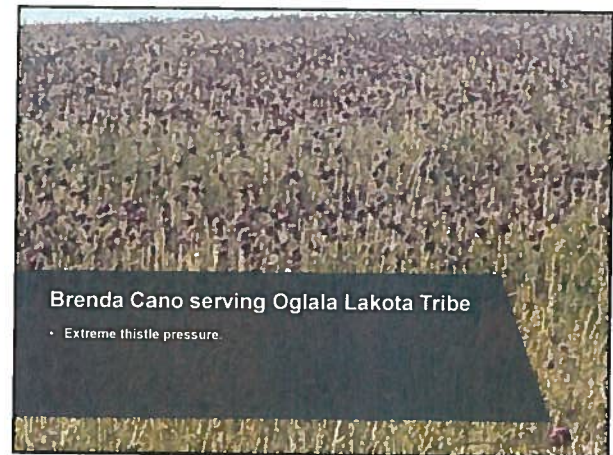
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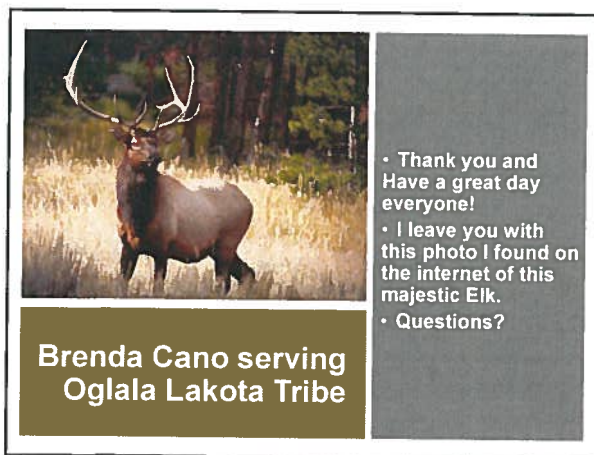
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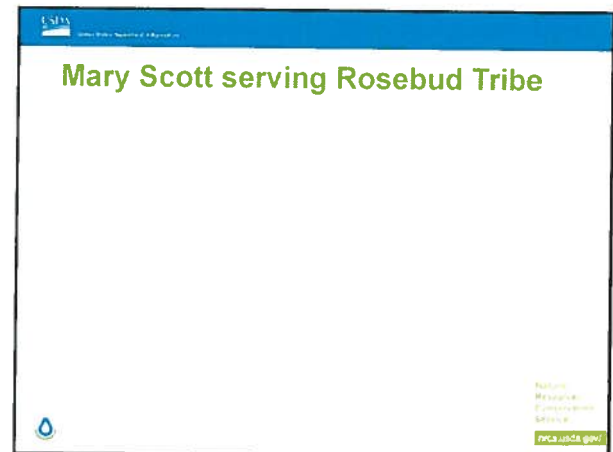
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Kyle Heimerl serving Lower Brule Tribe



Dam 3

- Assessing livestock water availability across Lower Brule Farm Corp Ranch.
- Planning emergency drought response – well, pipeline, and tanks for five pastures.

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Russell Felicia serving Crow Creek Tribe



Working directly with CCST to establish native grasses for wildlife habitat. ~130 ac of marginal cropland (salt, wet, gravelly)


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Ethan Beringer serving Yankton Tribe

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Lorne Aadland serving Sisseton Wahpeton Tribe

- For workload in 2022, SWO had 4 General CRP signups and 38 CRP renewals on a total of 1986 ac.
- SWO currently has about a 100 CRP contracts on 4,100 ac.

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Tony Sunseri, State Conservationist
Darrel DuVall, State Tribal Liaison Coordinator

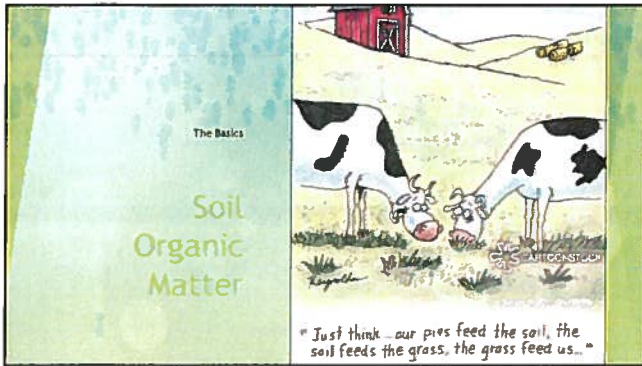
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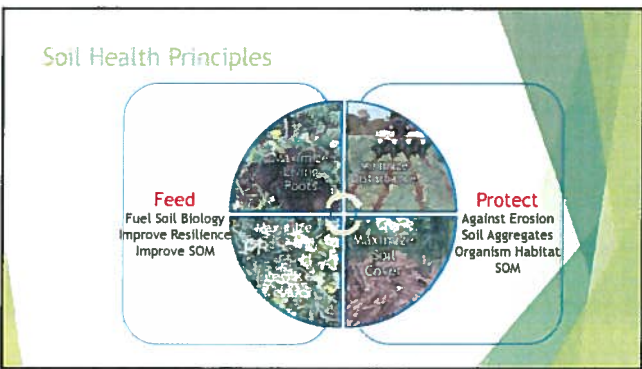
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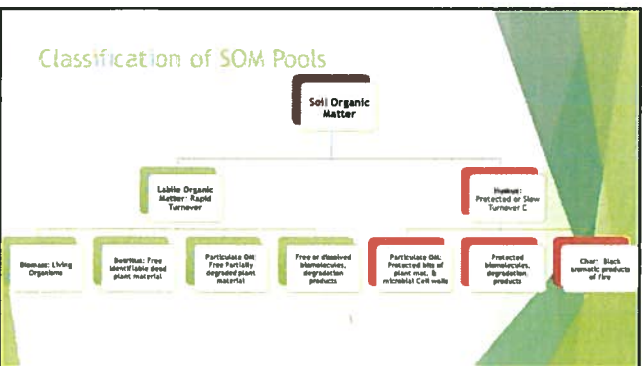
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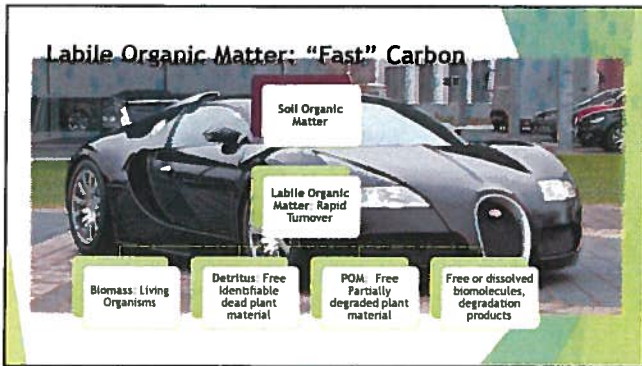
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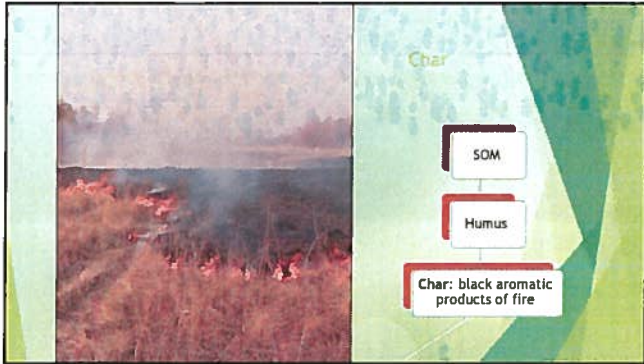
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**Conservation Stewardship Program Report
State Technical Committee Meeting
August 17, 2022
Joyce Trevithick, CSP Coordinator
joyce.trevithick@usda.gov (605) 220-4920**

South Dakota field offices are reminding producers to provide documentation for FY2022 activity implementation. Documentation is due to field offices (FOs) September 16, 2022, in order to allow time for the FOs to certify all completed practices by September 30, 2022. Payments will be made in the first and second quarters of FY2023.

CSP Classic 2022

- Application deadline was January 21, 2022
- 523 applications received
- South Dakota had an initial allocation of \$8,640,000. Funded 57 contracts
- Allocation #2 was \$4,004,000. Received May 9, 2022. Funded 19 contracts
- Allocation #3 was \$2,782,300. Funded 7 contracts
- Allocation #4 plan is \$2,168,432 and will fund 9 more applications
- Total SD CSP Classic allocation for FY2022 \$17,594,732
- These allocations will have funded approximately 92 CSP contracts.
- South Dakota spent \$1.2 million of these funds on Beginning Farmer applicants and \$1.03 million went to Socially Disadvantaged applicants.
- Obligation deadline for final allocation will be September 15, 2022

CSP Renewals 2023

- Application deadline was April 15, 2022
- 333 applications received
- Obligation deadline will be after October 1, 2022
- No allocation until after the fiscal year rollover

CSP-GCI 2023

- Offers sent out mid-August by the Farm Service Agency
- Application deadline possibly October 14, 2022
- Obligation deadline likely December 30, 2022

**Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Update
August 2022**

- Tentatively planning to fund 9 WRE offers in 2022 totaling 530.3 acres
 - Including 5 from the Vermillion River CIS project area approved in FY21.
 - Other projects are from Hutchinson, Roberts, and Tripp Counties
 - Those Agreements for the Purchase of Conservation Easement (APCEs) will be going out to those landowners soon.
- There has been a change in Compatible Use Authorization (CUA) haying timing. No longer a July 15 start date. It is now August 2 to align with the CRP Primary Nesting Season (PNS).
- Restoration work is progressing.
 - 4 easements (271 ac) seeded, and 5 easements have seedbed preparation in progress under both the federal contract and landowner contracts
 - 10 easements (127ac) were seeded under the Habitat Forever Cooperative Agreement (these are partial reseedings)
 - Multiple other practices have been completed including obstruction removal, herbaceous weed control, and wetland restorations.

Water Bank Program

- Tentatively plan on funding 11 applications for FY2022 totaling 808.3 acres

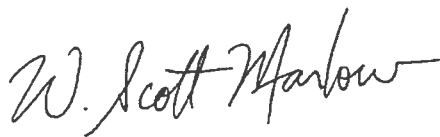
WREP

- Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP) project proposal submissions due September 23.

For: State and County Offices

CRP Conservation Plan and CRP-1 Approval Deadlines

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Deadlines for conservation plans and contract approvals were previously provided in Notice CRP-969, Notice CRP-973, and Notice CRP-976. Offers must be approved by the COC or CED by COB on September 30, 2022, with a contract effective date of October 1, 2022, for all the following:

- general CRP signup that includes new land, reenrolled land and a combination of new and reenrolled land
- continuous CRP signup, including CLEAR30, for reenrolled land or a combination of reenrolled and new land
- grassland CRP signup.

Questions have been received concerning the deadlines for conservation plans, extensions for conservation plan deadlines for certain signup types and contract approvals for all CRP signup types.

B Purpose

This notice provides continuous CRP signup 57, general CRP signup 58, grassland CRP signup 204, and CLEAR30 deadlines for conservation plans and for contract approval and policy for extensions for conservation plan deadline for general CRP signup 58 only.

Disposal Date

February 1, 2023

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County
Offices, NRCS State Offices, and Forest Service

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2 Key Completion Dates

A Key Dates for Conservation Plans and CRP-1 Approvals

Key dates in processing conservation plans and CRP-1 approvals for continuous CRP signup 57, general CRP signup 58, grassland CRP signup 204, and CLEAR30 offers are identified in the following table.

Action	Completion Date
For all signups, County Offices provide documents necessary to complete conservation plans, according to 2-CRP to NRCS or TSP.	Within 5 workdays of notification by producer that the producer wants to continue with the offer.
General CRP signup 58 Conservation plans must be completed and approved by NRCS and returned to FSA.	No later than July 29, 2022, unless an extension request is approved by SED. See paragraph 3.
Continuous CRP signup 57 Conservation plans must be completed and approved by NRCS and returned to FSA.	No later than September 9, 2022.
Grassland CRP signup 204 Conservation plans must be completed and approved by NRCS and returned to FSA.	No later than September 9, 2022.
CLEAR30 Conservation plans must be completed and approved by NRCS and returned to FSA.	No later than September 9, 2022.
For all signups, CRP-1's must be approved by CED or COC and entered in COLS.	No later than September 30, 2022.

3 Conservation Plan Deadline Extensions for General CRP Signup 58

A Deadline Extensions

For general CRP signup 58 only, if NRCS was unable to complete conservation plans due to workload by the July 29, 2022, deadline, SED's may authorize an extension of time to complete the conservation plans. SED's may, on a case-by-case basis, authorize an extension of time to complete conservation plans not to exceed a deadline of August 19, 2022. SED's must report all authorized extension requests to the National Office Conservation Division SharePoint at [FSA Conservation - Conservation Plan Deadline Extension Request - All Items \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

Note: Interim conservation plans are not authorized.

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4 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices will:

- follow guidance provided by this notice.
- work with the NRCS field office to ensure planning deadlines are met.
- request an extension for Signup 58 planning deadline from SED if needed.
- contact their FSA State Office specialist with any questions regarding this notice.

B State Office Action

State Offices will:

- work with their NRCS State Offices to ensure planning deadlines are met.
- approve requests for extending the Signup 58 planning deadline on a county-by-county basis as necessary.
- contact Beverly Preston, Program Manager with any questions regarding this notice.