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Public Comment Period open until 7/30/25

Announcement: [Federal Register_NRCS-2025-0004](#)

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for **Docket ID “NRCS-2025-0004”**. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments; or

Mail or Hand Delivery:

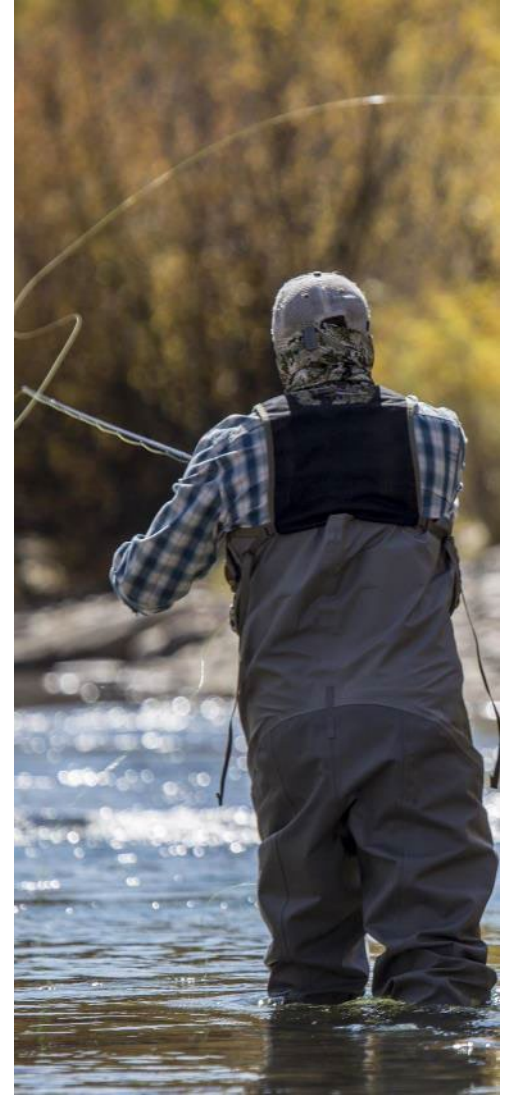
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In your comment, please specify the Docket ID NRCS-2025-0004.



Proposed Revisions

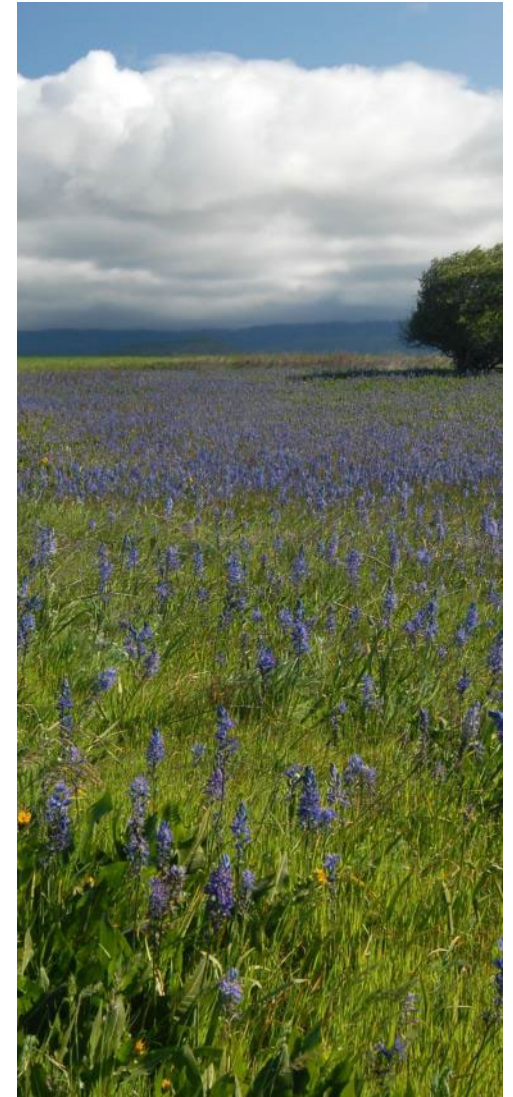
- Access Control (*Code 472*)
- Controlled Traffic Farming (*Code 334*)
- Irrigation Canal or Lateral (*Code 320*)
- Irrigation Ditch Lining (*Code 428*)
- Irrigation Field Ditch (*Code 388*)
- Open Channel (*Code 582*)
- Pest Management Conservation System (*Code 595*)
- Pumping Plant (*Code 533*)
- Waste Treatment Lagoon (*Code 359*)
- Waste Recycling (*Code 633*)
- Wildlife Habitat (*Code 645*)



Under Internal Review

Six National draft CPS were sent for internal review.

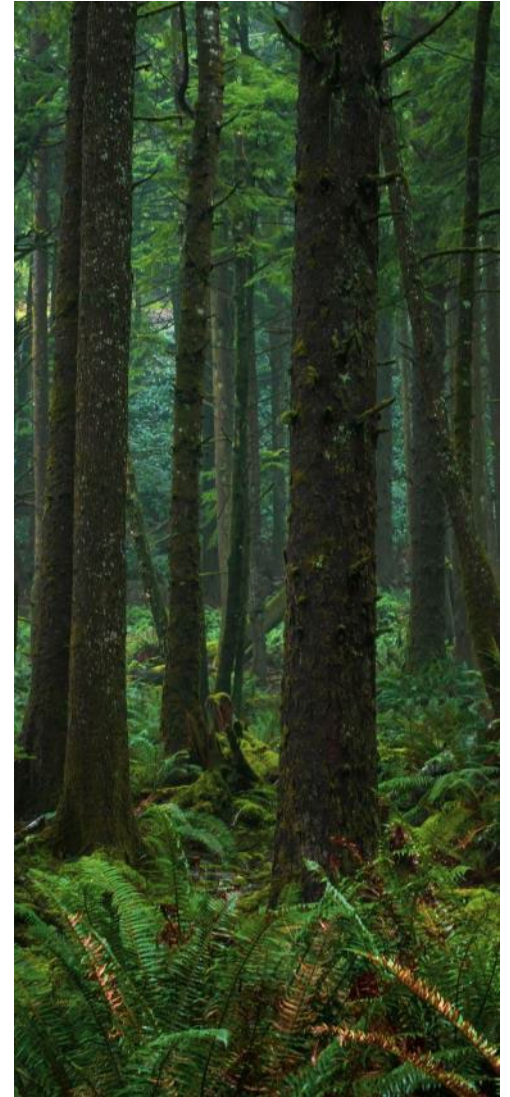
- CPS 319, On Farm Secondary Containment Facility
- CPS 381, Silvopasture
- CPS 395, Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
- CPS 450, Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application
- CPS 513, Annual Forages for Grazing Systems
- CPS 605, Denitrifying Bioreactor



NRCS-WA FOTG updates

Updated Conservation Practice Standards

- Conservation Cover (327)
- Cover Crop (340)
- Forest Farming (379)
- Fuel Break (383)
- Fire Break (394)
- Range Planting (550)
- Tree/Shrub Pruning (660)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)



Other NRCS-WA FOTG Updates

- New High Tunnel (325) Guidance Document (GD) & Implementation Requirement (IR)
- Conservation Cover (327) – IR release 10/1/25
- Critical Area Planting (342) – IR release 10/1/25
- Windbreak (380) IR has been revised to include client signature box (previously not included in IR) and updated practice installation and certification language.
- Fence (382) – IR for “Power – Permanent”
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391) IR and GD were developed. Waiting for technical documents to be completed/revised with anticipated release of Oct 2025.
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512) IR – scheduled release 10/1/25
- Drafting on Interim Conservation Practice Standard (ICPS) for Range Riding

