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NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT MANUAL
180-V NFSAM
Idaho Notice No. 14

Subject: National Food Security Act Manual Circular 1 – On-site Requirement for Certified Wetland Determinations and Delineations

Purpose: To provide guidance on conducting certified wetland determinations and delineations

Effective Date: Upon receipt of this notice

Background: The National Food Security Act Manual (NFSAM) 180-V-NFSAM, Circular No. 1, was issued August 10, 2006 to amend parts of the current Third Edition that require on-site visits when certifying wetland determinations and delineations. Circular No.1 can be accessed at the following NRCS web site
http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/compliance/pdf_files/Circular1-NFSAM-3rd-81006.pdf .

State Conservationists have the authority and responsibility for this, and must ensure that certified wetland determinations and delineations made in their state are of sufficient quality to make determinations of ineligibility. According to Circular No. 1, a site visit is not required for wetland determinations and delineations on actively managed cropland and pasture land IF the State Conservationist determines that off-site tools are adequate to allow NRCS to make an accurate determination and delineation.

ACTION REQUIRED

Many wetlands in Idaho are small in size, wooded and/or have seasonal hydrology, thereby making accurate off-site determinations and delineations very difficult to achieve. Therefore, ALL certified wetland determinations and delineations conducted in Idaho will continue to be made on-site.

For further information/clarification, contact the appropriate Area or State Office specialist.

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