

project. During the construction period the dam would be closed to the public. Other areas may be closed or restricted to accommodate construction activities. Park facilities may also be affected by temporary closure of roads.

The water quality use designations would remain the same. This action will have little or no effect on wetlands, rare, or threatened and endangered species, and prime or unique farmland. Air quality in the watershed will be essentially unaffected by the rehabilitation project. There will be brief, temporary increases in noise levels and pollution of air from dust and exhaust emissions, which are inherent in earth moving construction processes.

An environmental assessment was completed as part of the planning process. An inventory for cultural resources was completed as part of the environmental assessment. The Ohio Historic Preservation Office has submitted written notification, in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and the Act's implementing regulations, 36CFR 800, that there is little likelihood the project will encounter significant archaeological sites or buildings. It is of their opinion that the proposed work will not affect historic properties. Concerns have been addressed from contacted tribes. If there is a significant cultural resource discovery during construction, appropriate notice will be made by NRCS to the state Historic Preservation Officer. NRCS will take action as prescribed in NRCS General Manual 420, Part 401, to protect or recover any significant cultural resource during construction.

Alternatives

The preferred alternative is the most practical alternative to meet the purpose and needs of this action. Three alternatives were considered: (1) No Action, (2) Decommission the Structure, and (3) Structure Rehabilitation.

Consultation—Public Participation

Meetings were held with the project sponsors in April, May, and September of 2001, and February, April, and May 2002. On May 14, 2001, and May 13, 2002, the sponsors held public meetings. In addition, letter requests for concerns and issues were sent to federal and state agencies, and organizations. All concerns and issues were addressed in the environmental assessment.

Conclusion

The environmental assessment summarized above indicates that this Federal action will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the human environment. Therefore, based on the above findings, I have determined that an environmental impact statement is not required for the rehabilitation of the W. Fork Duck Creek Watershed Structure 6 (Wolf Run Dam).

Dated: August 20, 2002.

Kevin Brown,
State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV, Standards and Specifications, of the State Technical Guides of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the State of California

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the California State Technical Guides. NRCS is seeking review and comments to proposed changes.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 343 of Subtitle E of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIRA) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide public notice and comment under Section 553 of Title 5, United States Code, with regard to any future revisions to the provisions of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Technical Guides that are used to carry out Subtitles A, B, and C of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.3801 *et seq.*), the Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, gives notice of proposed revisions to selected conservation practice standards in Section IV of the State Technical Guides in California.

These proposed revisions are subject to these provisions since one or more practices are used, or could be used, as a part of a conservation management system to comply with the Highly Erodible Land Conservation or Wetland Conservation requirements of the Food Security Act of 1985. These practice standards are also used to plan, design and implement conservation practices cost shared under USDA programs.

Revisions are being proposed for the following practice standards: Closure of Waste Impoundment (360); Conservation Crop Rotation (328); Conservation Cover (327); Contour Farming (330); Contour Stripcropping (585); Cover Crop (340); Grassed Waterway (412); Irrigation System, microirrigation (441); Alley Cropping (311); Constructed Wetland (656); Firebreak (394); Forest Site Preparation (490); Forest Stand Improvement (666); Forest Trails and Landings (655); Heavy Use Area Protection (561); Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery (447); Pipeline (516); Prescribed Burning (338); Riparian Forest Buffer (391); Spring Development (574); Tree/Shrub

Establishment (612); Tree/Shrub Pruning (660); Use Exclusion (472); Watering Facility (614); Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380); Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650); PAM Erosion Control (450); Composting Facility (317); Deep Tillage (324); Fish Passage (396); Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mined Land (543); Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land (544); Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395); Underground Outlet (620); Vegetative Barrier (601); Access Road (560); Diversion (362); Drainage Water Management (554); Fish Pond Management (399); Herbaceous Wind Barriers (603); Irrigation Land Leveling (464); Pond Sealing or Lining-Bentonite Sealant (521C); Pond Sealing or Lining-Soil Dispersant (521B); Roof Runoff Structure (558); Surface Roughening (609); Waste Utilization (633); Dam, Diversion (348); Hedgerow Planting (422); Obstruction Removal (500); Prescribed Grazing (528A); Wastewater Treatment Strip (635); Water and Sediment Control Basin (638); Nutrient Management (590); Mulching (484); Recreation Area Improvement (562); Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643); Brush Management (314); and Runoff Management System (570).

DATES: Comments will be received for a period of 30 days following the publication date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane B. Holcomb, State Resource Conservationist, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 430 G Street, Davis, California 95616-4164. Telephone: (530) 792-5667, FAX: (530) 792-5793, or e-mail diane.holcomb@ca.usda.gov.

Copies of these proposed standards can be obtained on the Web at <http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/rts/rts.html>, or will be made available upon written request. You may submit written comments to the address above. You may submit your electronic requests and comments to: diane.holcomb@ca.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In California, "State Technical Guides" refers to the State Office Technical Guide maintained by the NRCS State Resource Conservationist in Davis, California, to the Area Technical Guides maintained at each NRCS Area Office in Red Bluff, Salinas, Fresno and Riverside, California, and to the Field Office Technical Guides maintained at each NRCS Field Office in California.

Practice standards establish the minimum level of acceptable quality for planning, designing, installing,

operating, and maintaining conservation practices. National standards from the National Handbook of Conservation Practices form the basis for developing State supplements to the standards. All practice standards are reviewed by the State Technical Guide Committee at least once every five years from their date of issuance to determine if the standard is needed and reflects the latest acceptable technology.

Diane B. Holcomb,

State Resource Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Michigan

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Michigan, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in Michigan NRCS FOTG, Section IV for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS in Michigan to issue revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards include:

Access Road (Ft.) 560
 Brush Management (Ac.) 314
 Clearing and Snagging (Ft.) 326
 Commercial Fish Ponds (Ac.) 397
 Conservation Cover (Ac.) 327
 Conservation Crop Rotation (Ac.) 328
 Contour Farming (Ac.) 330
 Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area (Ac.) 331
 Contour Stripcropping (Ac.) 585
 Cross Wind Stripcropping (Ac.) 589B
 Cross Wind Trap Strip—Field (Ac.) 589C
 Cross Wind Trap Strip—Filter (Ac.) 589C
 Deep Tillage (Ac.) 324
 Dike (Ft.) 356
 Diversion (Ft.) 362
 Drainage Water Management (Ac.) 554
 Dry Hydrant (No.) 432
 Field Ditch (Ft.) 607
 Filter Strip—Animal Waste Management (Ac.) 780
 Fish Pond Management (No.) 399
 Fish Raceway or Tank (Ft.) 398
 Grade Stabilization Structure (No.) 410
 Irrigation Pit or Regulating Reservoir (No.) 552-A
 Irrigation Pit or Regulating Reservoir (No.) 552-B

Irrigation Storage Reservoir (No.) 436
 Irrigation System, Microirrigation (No. & Ac.) 441
 Irrigation System, Sprinkler (No. & Ac.) 442
 Irrigation Water Conveyance Pipeline—High-Pressure, Underground, Plastic (Ft.) 430-DD
 Irrigation Water Conveyance Pipeline—Low-Pressure, Underground, Plastic (Ft.) 430-EE
 Irrigation Water Management (Ac.) 449
 Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mined Land (Ac.) 543
 Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land (Ac.) 544
 Land Smoothing (Ac.) 466
 Lined Waterway or Outlet (Ft.) 468
 Mine Shaft and Adit Closing (No.) 457
 Mulching (Ac.) 484
 Nutrient Management (Ac.) 590
 Obstruction Removal (Ac.) 500
 Open Channel (Ft.) 582
 Pest Management (Ac.) 595
 Pond Sealing or Lining—Bentonite Treatment (No.) 521-C
 Pond Sealing or Lining—Flexible Membrane (No.) 521-A
 Pond Sealing or Lining—Soil Dispersant (No.) 521-B
 Pumping Plant for Water Control (No.) 533
 Recreation Area Improvement (Ac.) 562
 Residue Management, Ridge Till (Ac.) 329C
 Residue Management, Seasonal (Ac.) 344
 Riparian Forest Buffer (Ac.) 391
 Sediment Basin (No.) 350
 Spring Development (No.) 574
 Stream Channel Stabilization (Ft.) 584
 Stream Crossing and Livestock Access (Ft.) 728
 Stripcropping, Field (Ac.) 586
 Structure for Water Control (No.) 587
 Subsurface Drain (Ft.) 606
 Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral (Ft.) 608
 Underground Outlet (Ft.) 620
 Waste Utilization (No. & Ac.) 633
 Water and Sediment Control Basin (No.) 638
 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (Ft.) 380
 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (Ft.) 650

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to Kevin Wickey, Assistant State Conservationist for Technology, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 250, E. Lansing, MI 48823. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request. You may

submit electronic requests and comments to

Kevin.Wickey@mi.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Wickey 517-324-5279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 393 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Michigan will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Michigan regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: August 23, 2002.

Ronald C. Williams,

State Conservationist, E. Lansing, Michigan.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Public Rights-of-Way Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) established a Public Rights-of-Way Access Advisory Committee (Committee) to assist the Board in developing a proposed rule on accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered public rights-of-way covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968. This document announces the next meeting of the technical assistance subcommittee of that Committee, which will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for October 7, 2002 beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m..

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Portland, 921 SW., Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Windley, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance