§625.12 The HFRP restoration plan development.

(a) The development of the HFRP restoration plan shall be made through an NRCS representative, in consultation with the program participant and with coordination of input from the FWS and NMFS, where applicable.

(b) The HFRP restoration plan shall specify the manner in which the enrolled land under easement or 10-year cost-share agreement shall be restored, protected, enhanced, maintained, and managed to accomplish the goals of the program.

(c) Eligible restoration practices and measures may include land management, vegetative, and structural practices and measures that will restore and enhance habitat conditions for listed species, candidate, State-listed, and other species identified by the Chief for special funding consideration. To the extent practicable, eligible practices and measures will improve biodiversity and increase the sequestration of carbon. NRCS, in coordination with FWS, will determine the conservation practices and measures. NRCS will determine payment rates and cost-share percentages within statutory limits that will be available for restoration. A list of eligible practices will be available to the public.

§625.13 Modification of the HFRP restoration plan.

Consistent with the easement and applicable law, the State Conservationist may approve modifications to the HFRP restoration plan that do not modify or void provisions of the easement, restoration agreement, or Landowner Protections. NRCS may obtain and receive input from the landowner and coordination from FWS and NMFS to determine whether a modification is justified. Any HFRP restoration plan modification must meet HFRP program objectives, and must result in equal or greater wildlife benefits and ecological and economic values to the United States. Modifications to the HFRP restoration plan which are substantial and affect provisions of the easement, restoration cost-share agreement, or Landowner Protections will require agreement from the landowner, FWS or NMFS, as appropriate, and may require execution of an amended easement and restoration cost-share agreement.