

public lands within your State or county?

8. What relationship, if any, should exist between federal revenue-sharing programs, and management activities on public lands?

9. What alternatives exist to provide equitable revenue-sharing to States and counties and promote "sustainable forestry"?

10. What has been your experience regarding implementation of Pub L. 106-291, The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act?

Dated: November 5, 2001.

**Tim DeCoster,**

*Acting Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Newfound and Sandymush Creeks Watershed Project Buncombe and Madison County, NC

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of a Finding Of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Newfound and Sandymush Creeks Watershed Project, Buncombe and Madison County, North Carolina.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary K. Combs, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 205, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609, telephone (919) 873-2101.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Mary K. Combs, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purpose is to reduce sediment and nutrient damage. The

planned works of improvement include 378 acres of Sod Rotation, 208 acres of Grassed Waterways/Field Borders, 520 acres of Cropland Conversion to Grass, 680 acres of Grassland Management and Improvement, 23 acres of Stream Protection Systems for cropland, 46 Stream Protection Systems for livestock operations, 9 Animal Waste Management Systems for dairies and 3 Animal Feed Waste Management Systems for beef operations. The project will treat 2,600 acres of cropland, improve 680 acres of grassland, stabilize 6,900 linear feet of stream bank and install 12 animal waste treatment systems.

The Notice of a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Jacob Crandall, Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources at 4405 Bland Road, Suite 205, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

**Mary K. Combs,**

*State Conservationist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Virginia Field Office Technical Guide

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Virginia NRCS Field Office Technical Guide for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Virginia that changes must be made in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide specifically in practice standards: #560, Access; #326, Clearing and Snagging; #324, Deep Tillage; #432, Dry Hydrant; #412, Grassed Waterway; #603, Herbaceous Wind Barriers; #468, Lined Waterway or Outlet; #512, Pasture and

Hayland Planting; #378, Pond; #521C, Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Treatment; #521B, Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant; #533, Pumping Plant for Water Control; #344, Residue Use; #391, Riparian Forest Buffer; #646, Shallow Water Management; #606, Subsurface Drain; #608, Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral; #313, Waste Storage Facility; #359, Waste Treatment Lagoon; and #644, Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management to account for improved technology. These practices will be used to plan and install conservation practices on cropland, pastureland, woodland, and wildlife land.

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquire in writing to M. Denise Doetzer, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 209, Richmond, Virginia 23229-5014; Telephone number (804) 287-1665; Fax number (804) 287-1736. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request to the address shown above or on the Virginia NRCS web site: <http://www.va.nrcs.usda.gov/DataTechRefs/Standards&Specs/EDITStds/EditStandards.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 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 Virginia will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Virginia regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject standards.

Dated: October 30, 2001.

**M. Denise Doetzer,**

*State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Richmond, Virginia.*

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