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NRCS
Natural Resources Conservation Service
655 Parfet Street, Room E200C
Lakewood, Colorado 80215

February 3, 2010

Dear Conservation Partners:

The Colorado State Technical Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and adjourning by 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Lights 2&3 Meeting Room at the Sheraton Denver West, 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado. In an effort to better facilitate efficient use of time and resources, The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is sponsoring a working luncheon session with speakers and will provide a box lunch during the session.

The meeting will include presentations, discussions and requests for recommendations on NRCS programs and policies including the proposed Sage Grouse Initiative, Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program Reserved, Grazing Rights Opportunities, the Conservation Stewardship Program, and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) air quality, organic agriculture and public lands policies. There will also be a presentation and discussion of the USDA – Farm Service Agency (FSA) designated conservation Priority Areas in Colorado. Please see the attached agenda.

If you have questions regarding the State Technical Committee meeting you may contact Tim Carney, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, at (720)544-2805 or tim.carney@co.usda.gov; or Cyndee Hjelmstad, Secretary to the State Conservationist, at (720)544-2809 or cyndee.hjelmstad@co.usda.gov. You may also visit the NRCS Colorado webpage at http://www.co.nrcs.usda.gov/ for updated information regarding the Colorado State Technical Committee. Prior to March 3rd, meeting presentations and related materials will be posted there for your review.

We also request that you please RSVP to Cyndee Hjelmstad by Tuesday, February 23, 2010 to confirm your attendance. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations are asked to please contact Cyndee in advance.

Sincerely,

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Final Agenda

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Sheraton Denver West – City Lights 2&3 Meeting Room
360 Union Blvd., Lakewood, Colorado 80228
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9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome	Allen Green State Conservationist Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
9:15 – 10:00 am	NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative Proposal and Discussion and Request for Recommendations	Terri Sage State Biologist NRCS
10:00 – 10:45 am	Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program Reserved Grazing Rights Option Discussion and Request for Recommendations	Gary Finstad Easements Coordinator NRCS
10:45 – 11:00 am	Break	
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Conservation Stewardship Program Initial Signup Review and Program Recommendations	Tim Carney Asst. State Conservationist – Programs NRCS
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Working Lunch – Complimentary CRP – Conservation Priority Areas Discussion and Request for Recommendations	Billy Merritt Farm Service Agency (FSA) Colorado Staff
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Break	
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Air Quality and Organic Initiatives Discussion and Request for Recommendations	Jodi Hastings EQIP/WHIP Program Coordinator NRCS
2:15 – 2:45 pm	EQIP Public Lands Eligibility Discussion and Request for Recommendations	Tim Carney NRCS
2:45 – 3:00 pm	NRCS Partnership Programs Opportunities Closing Comments	Allen Green NRCS