Part 2: Maintenance, mid-contract management, re-enrollment, and cultural resources

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MAINTENANCE

• CD or NRCS reviews maintenance plan with producer.

• CD provides list of reputable contractors to producer.
MAINTENANCE FUNDING

• CD seasonally or annually requests funds from WSCC for maintenance (exhibit D) in advance of the work.

• WSCC approves fund request and adds funds to the CD grant.

• After landowner completes maintenance, they submit receipts to CD for payment.

• CD provides receipts and voucher to SCC for payment.

• SCC amends grant and CD pays the landowner.
MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT, PART 1

• Contract requirement to perform actions needed for enhancement or to treat deficiency in buffer

• For contracts dated May 2003 or older, No further action (unless participant wants to do mid-contract management).

• If newer than 2003, CD or NRCS conducts mid-contract management inspection in years 5-7.

• CD provides inspection to FSA.
MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT, PART 2

• Contract dated May 2003 or later without mid-contract management practices:
  • If buffer meets criteria, no further action,
  • If buffer does not meet quality criteria, producer can apply for a cost share through County Committee, Exhibit D for State share via CD; and CD/NRCS amends conservation plan with CoC approval.
**MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT, PART 3**

- Contract dated May 2003 or later **with** mid-contract management practices:
  - If buffer meets criteria, producer can apply for a waiver through County Committee. Waivers be approved by FSA State Committee. Should be rare.
  - If buffer does not meet quality criteria, producer can apply for a cost share through County Committee, Exhibit D for State share via CD; and CD/NRCS amends conservation plan with CoC approval.
RE-ENROLLMENT: COMMUNICATION

• Ideally, CD conducts re-enrollment inspections 1-2 years before end of contract. Talk with landowner about maintenance needs, if any.

• FSA notifies producer and CD of pending contract expiration 1 year before contract end date.

• Begin process early; for FSA, no need to wait until 6 months before expiration.
RE-ENROLLMENT: TIMING

• Producer signs CRP-2C, plan and new CRP-1 before current rental end date.

• CD or NRCS technician reviews project and determines how much is meeting or not meeting specification.
RE-ENROLLMENT, INSPECTIONS

• If improvement needed, CD or NRCS technician provides estimated costs for a new plan and reviews with CoC to decide if re-enrollment is economically viable.
  • If CoC determines re-enrollment with additional work is economically viable, then:
    • CD or NRCS technician writes a new plan,
    • CRP-1 is signed,
    • Cost share is the same as a new contract with maintenance for that portion cost-shared.
**RE-ENROLLMENT, INSPECTIONS**

- If CoC determines re-enrollment is not viable,
- FSA notifies producer of ineligibility using CRP-26.
RE-ENROLLMENT, NO WORK NEEDED

- If no improvement needed, CRP-1 signed with FSA and producer.

- Maintenance plan updated by CD or NRCS and reviewed with landowner input.

- Mid-contract management required.
**Cultural Resources**

- FSA determines if any undertaking will occur. If so, conducts literature search and starts 1st 30-day notification to SHPO and Tribes concerning area of potential effect.
**Cultural Resources**

Tribe and SHPO responses

Survey required?

- No → 2nd 30-day letter with Decision
- Yes → FSA notifies producer and CD

CD ensures landowner and contractors working onsite are aware of District accidental discovery policy

FSA paperwork to finalize coordination?
**Cultural Resources, CD Actions**

1. Acquire list of certified archeologists from SHPO
2. Collect bids
3. Request CR Survey funds from WSCC
4. Approved?
   - Yes: Contract with Archeologist
   - No: Collect bids
5. Coordinate the survey
6. Report & invoice from Archeologist
7. Invoice and voucher to SCC, report to CPDS
8. Report to FSA
9. Pay the contractor

Dead?
CULTURAL RESOURCES, FSA ACTIONS

Further action based on survey?

Yes
- Resolve or kill project

No
- FSA sends 2nd 30 day notice to Tribes and SHPO notifying them of decision

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