

TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER ELECTRONIC REFERENCE MATERIALS



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TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER HANDBOOK, First Edition, September 2005

This detailed 77 page handbook provides guidance on the procedure that NRCS will use when a producer requests the services of a Technical Service Provider.

http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/media/pdf/H_180_610_a.pdf

TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS PAGE

This is the main Montana NRCS page for obtaining online information relating to Technical Service Providers with links to various sites. Pay particular attention to TSP-1, TSP-2, TSP-3, and Engineering Practice Eligibility.

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/tsp/>

TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER REGISTRY (TechReg)

This is NRCS's national online tool for Technical Service Providers to register, become certified, and manage their TSP profiles.

<http://techreg.usda.gov/>

TSP REFERENCE DOCUMENTATION & PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

This 11 page document outlines documentation and performance requirements for TSP assistance on NRCS projects. Technical Service Providers should understand all the requirements outlined in this document.

ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/MT/www/eng/engineering_documents/worksheets/ef50501b.pdf

TSP WORKSHEETS

The payment ticket (TSP-1), the TSP authorization (TSP-2), and the participant responsibilities (TSP-3) are available at the following link.

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/tsp/>

MONTANA NRCS HOME PAGE

This is the main page for obtaining online information about Montana NRCS. This page provides links to numerous sites including USDA programs, technical resources, TSP information, handbooks & manuals, practice standards, specifications, forms, worksheets, etc.

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/>

MONTANA NRCS EMPLOYEE & SERVICE CENTER DIRECTORIES

A listing of Montana NRCS personnel including locations, addresses, phone numbers, etc.

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/directory/index.html>

NRCS ELECTRONIC FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE (eFOTG)

The 5 Field Office Technical Guides are the primary scientific references used by NRCS. Technical Service Providers will most likely be using Section IV (Practice Standards and Specifications) most often. As such, each Technical Service Provider should develop a good understanding of all parts contained within Section IV.

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=MT

NRCS NATIONAL ENGINEERING MANUAL

This is the primary policy manual for all engineering activities. Technical Service Providers should develop a good understanding of Part 505-Non NRCS Engineering; Part 511-Design; and Part-541-Drafting and Drawings. **There are some State supplements to the Manual that are not available online.**

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/eng/documents.html>

NRCS SPECIFICATIONS

Standardized construction and material specifications are available. The most commonly used specifications are Montana specifications. National specifications are also available.

Montana Specifications

<http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/eng/specifications.html>

National Specifications

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/ENG/construction_specs_home.html