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**NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 180-9-5**

**SUBJECT:** CPA - COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

**TO:** All Field Office Employees

**Purpose.** To renew Coordinated Resource Management efforts in New Mexico.

**Expiration Date.** December 31, 2009

Due to the mixed land statuses in the state of New Mexico and in the operating units we work with it is important that all parties with land trust responsibilities are consulted, when appropriate, during the planning process. Guidance for coordinated planning is provided as a supplement to the National Planning Procedures Handbook in the "Memorandum of Understanding for Coordinated Resource Management (CRM) in New Mexico". A signed copy of the New Mexico CRM/MOU is located on the NRCS web site under Technical Resources, National Handbooks, at the following web address. (<http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/handbooks/handbooks.html>).

In addition the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Services Agency (FSA) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding, dated December 6, 2006, relative to Planning and implementing United States Department of Agriculture Conservation Programs on Indian Lands. A copy of the MOU can be found in the NRCS General Manual Title 180, Part 404 (<http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/>). This MOU specifies that NRCS will consult with BIA during conservation planning assistance on tribal trust lands.

Coordinated Planning is especially important when making decisions involving compliance with State and Federal regulations such as the National Historic Preservation Act.

Please review these documents and assure that coordinated planning guidance provided is followed when appropriate.

If you have any questions, please work through your Area Office to contact George Chavez, State Resource Conservationist, at (505)-761-4421.

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