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BIOLOGY TECHNICAL NOTE NO. NM-55

SUBJECT: ECS –Water for Wildlife-A Handbook for Ranchers and Range Managers. Revised Edition 2012 available.

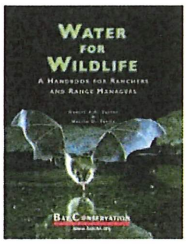
Purpose: To distribute information to area and field offices.

Effective Date: Effective upon receipt.

Filing Instructions: Technical notes are accessible online at the NRCS New Mexico Technical Resources website: http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/tech-notes/bio.html

Overview: The publication "*Water for Wildlife. A Handbook for Ranchers and Range Managers*" is provided as a reference document to the Biology Technical Note No. 55-Wildlife Escape Ramps for Watering Facilities and Open Storage Tanks. The original publication was 2007.

Summary of Revision.
A summary of the substantial changes are provided below:



I. "An escape structure should be provided every 30 linear feet along the perimeter of a tank or trough". The prior recommendation was every 20 linear feet.

II. "When using expanded metal for a tank ramp; it is highly recommended to use 13 gage metal with ½-inch or ¾-inch mesh". The prior recommendation only included 11 gage metal with ½-inch mesh.

III. It provides an updated vendor list.

* All changes provide consistency with the Biology Tech. Note No. 55.

Reference: Taylor, D. et.al. 2012. "*Water for Wildlife. A Handbook for Ranchers and Range Managers*". Bat Conservation International (www.batcon.org).

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Attachment