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NEW MEXICO BIOLOGY TECHNICAL NOTE NO. 62

SUBJECT: ECS – Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative

Purpose: To distribute information to area and field offices.

Effective Date: Effective upon receipt.

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

Explanation: To announce the availability of regionally developed lesser prairie-chicken habitat assessment tools for implementing the Initiative:

I. **Threats Checklist**
II. **Guidance on Using Habitat Assessments (WHEG):**
   a. **Habitat Assessment for Shinnery-oak Grasslands**
   b. **Habitat Assessment for Sand Sagebrush Grasslands**
III. **Monitoring Protocol**
IV. **SGP CHAT**

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Attachments:
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