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**PLANT MATERIALS TECHNICAL NOTE NO. 69**

**SUBJECT: ECS – “SELECTING THE APPROPRIATE NATIVE PLANTS FOR REVEGETATION AND RESTORATION PURPOSES IN THE SOUTHWEST.”**

**Purpose:** This notice transmits Plant Materials Technical Note Number 69 for insertion into the New Mexico FOTG.

**Effective Date:** This notice is effective when received.

**Explanation:** One of the most common questions confronting natural resources conservation specialists and land managers is what native plant species are appropriate for a particular revegetation or restoration project. Such projects typically aim to rehabilitate wildlands that have been disturbed by natural forces or human activities. This document describes the following approaches for determining the selection of appropriate species:

- Using native plant lists or floras from nearby or similar sites.
- Using the NRCS Ecological Site Information System (ESIS) website to access Ecological Site Descriptions (ESDs) and Major Resource Land Areas (MLRAs).
- Using an NRCS State Website to access the Ecological Site Descriptions.
- Using the USDA-NRCS Web Soil Survey Website to access Ecological Site Descriptions.
- Using the NRCS PLANTS Database to find the dominant species within an ecoregion having characteristics suitable for the revegetation site.
- Using the NatureServe Explorer website to find plant association information.

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