

For: County Offices

CRP Conservation Priority Areas (CPA), Water Quality Zones, and Wildlife Zones

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

Preparations for the new general CRP signup required states to review and resubmit new CPAs for approval. Previously established CPAs for Oklahoma were revoked as conveyed in OK Amendment 12 to handbook 2-CRP.

Establishment of new CPAs was done in consultation with the State Technical Committee and approved by the State Committee. The CPA provides basic land eligibility for eligible land located within the CPA boundary. Additionally, states were required to establish zones within a CPA beneficial to air quality, water quality, or wildlife. Location of eligible land in a CPA results in land eligibility; the location of the eligible land within air quality, water quality, or wildlife zones results in environmental benefits index points being awarded to the land.

The state's new CPAs were developed with a water quality emphasis. Emphasis was placed on land located in areas of (1) nutrient limited watersheds, (2) scenic rivers, (3) state water quality areas, (4) rehabilitation watersheds, (5) Lawton Municipal Water Supply, (6) intense cropping of the Blue and Island Bayou Rivers, and (7) 303d listing concerns. The establishment of CPAs, based on water quality issues, resulted in the water quality zone boundary being transparent to the CPA boundaries. The wildlife zone boundary was also established transparent to the CPA boundaries since concerns of the lesser prairie chicken, greater prairie chicken, northern bob white quail and neotropical migrant bird populations existed in these areas. There was not an air quality zone established for Oklahoma.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- approved state CPAs
- approved water quality and wildlife zones.

Disposal Date:

03-01-04

03-06-03

Distribution:

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2 State CPAs and Zones

A CPA

Exhibit 1 provides a map indicating areas of the state encompassed by a CPA. Land that has been cropped in four of the six years for 1996 through 2001 will be eligible to be offered for CRP. By virtue of this land being located in the CPA, the land does not have to meet the erodibility index (EI) of 8 criteria.

Exhibit 2 provides the specific name for each CPA, the state and county codes, and hydrologic unit codes located within the CPA.

B Water Quality Zone

The same area reflected in Exhibit 1 identifies the state's water quality zone. Eligible land, located in the water quality zone, will receive environmental benefit index points.

C Wildlife Zone

The same area reflected in Exhibit 1 identifies the state's wildlife zone. Eligible land located in the wildlife zone will receive environmental benefit index points.

Note: The fact that the water quality and wildlife zones are transparent will result in the offer receiving environmental benefit index points for both.

D HUC Maps

Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) maps are anticipated to be provided to counties through an ArcView process. The map will be utilized by all counties for locating which HUC the eligible land is located in and entering it into the new environmental benefits index software. The HUC map will also be utilized to determine if land is located in a CPA that is identified by a specific HUC.

3 Action

A County Office Action

The following action shall be completed:

- refer to Exhibits 1 and 2 to identify areas of the county and associated land located within the CPAs
- when instructions are received, print the HUC code map for your county
- review this notice information with the COC
- at the appropriate time, include CPA information in your publicity efforts about the next general signup.

Conservation Priority Areas

State Name	CPA Name	FIPS	Whole County?	HUC Code
Oklahoma	Blue River	40005	NO	11140102010
				11140102020
		40013	NO	11140102020
				11140101010
		40069	NO	11140102010
				11140102020
Oklahoma	Cache and Medicine Creek Tributaries	40031	NO	11130202010
Oklahoma	Claremore Lake	40131	YES	N/A
Oklahoma	Cobb Creek	40015	YES	N/A
		40039	NO	11130302160
		40149	YES	N/A
Oklahoma	Double Creek-RW	40147	YES	N/A
Oklahoma	Great Salt Plains	40003	YES	N/A
		40151	YES	N/A
Oklahoma	Hulah Lake	40113	YES	N/A
Oklahoma	Illinois and Other Scenic Rivers	40001	YES	N/A
		40021	YES	N/A
Oklahoma	Lake Eucha/Spavinaw Creek	40041	YES	N/A
Oklahoma	Neosho River Basin	40035	YES	N/A
		40097	YES	N/A
		40115	YES	N/A
		40145	NO	11070209090
				11070209070
Oklahoma	North Fork of Red River	40055	NO	11120303050
		40065	NO	11120303050
				11120303040
				11130101030
		40075	NO	11120303030
40141	NO	11120303030		
Oklahoma	Oologah Lake	40105	YES	N/A
Oklahoma	Salt Fork River	40053	YES	N/A
		40071	YES	N/A
Oklahoma	Sandstone Creek	40129	NO	11130301070
Oklahoma	Stillwater Creek	40083	NO	11050003070
		40103	NO	11050003070
		40119	NO	11050003070
Oklahoma	Taylor Lake	40051	NO	11130303140
Oklahoma	Turkey Creek	40047	YES	N/A
		40073	YES	N/A
		40093	YES	N/A