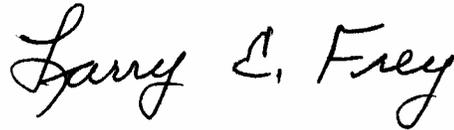


For: Oregon County Offices

CRP Management Activities - Guzzlers

Approved by: Larry Frey, State Executive Director



LEF/LML/II

1 Overview

A Background

STC received a requested to add guzzlers as a management practice on CRP land. The request pointed out that a management activity is required after signup 26 to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits in addition to promoting the protection of soil and water resources. In Eastern Oregon especially, one of the limiting factors to wildlife diversity is the lack of water. By adding guzzlers this limiting factor would be reduced. Guzzlers would be installed and designed according to the targeted species in the area and the site and species will dictate the placement and number of guzzlers approved for an area.

Some of the Committee members expressed concerns over cost-sharing to establish guzzlers on land used for fee-hunting and whether that was a good use of cost-share funds. After a discussion of the issues, a final vote approved the use of guzzlers as a management activity.

B Purpose

To notify COFs that STC has added guzzlers as an eligible management practice for CRP.

Disposal

06-01-2005
7-20-04

Distribution

Oregon COFs, COFs relay to local NRCS Office

Oregon Notice CRP 68

2 Action

A COF Action

Relay a copy of this notice to your local NRCS counterpart and TSP provider.

B Handbook Update

Retain a copy of this notice until such time as the 2-CRP (Rev. 4) can be amended to include the addition of guzzlers as an eligible management practice.

3 STC Policy

A Practice Installation

Guzzlers may be installed at any during the life of the CRP contract.

B Cost-Share

The STC has set cost-share at a rate of not more than 50% of total eligible cost for installation of the practice.

Cost-share shall not exceed \$100 per acre for a 10 year CRP contract or \$125 per acre for a 15 year CRP contract.

COFs shall refer to paragraph 239 and 484 and other applicable paragraphs of 2-CRP (Rev. 4) handbooks for additional procedures.