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**TO:** State Technical Committee

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**In Reply Refer to:** 6-LGD

**SUBJECT:** Mid-Contract Management Practices for Emergency Forestry  
Conservation Reserve Program and State Acres for Wildlife  
Enhancement

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Conservation Reserve Program participants are required to establish and maintain approved practices according to the conservation plan of operation (CPO). Beginning with sign-up 26 all CRP participants are required to conduct a mid-contract management practice. Management activities are designed to ensure plant diversity and wildlife benefits, while protecting soil and water resources.

FSA is currently updating the Mid-Contract management activities for Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program (EFCRP) and the Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Project Areas. The SAFE Project areas include:

- Lesser Prairie Chicken Mixed Grass  
(14 Counties in the Panhandle and South Plains)
- Gulf Coast Prairie  
(21 Counties along the Gulf Coast)
- Lower Rio Grande Valley Thornscurub  
(4 Counties in the Rio Grande Valley)

Please review the enclosed management activities specifying:

- Management Activity
- Frequency of Implementation
- Time Period for Management Action
- Specification of the Management Activity

A review of the proposed Mid-Contract Management Activity's is requested in accordance with 2-CRP (Rev. 4) paragraph 239B. All recommendations will be provided to the Texas Farm Service Agency State Committee for consideration before approval.

If you have a comment or concern, please respond by email to [Juan.Garcia@tx.usda.gov](mailto:Juan.Garcia@tx.usda.gov) COB Friday March 27, 2009. The lack of response will be assumed to report concurrence with all proposed Mid-Contract Management Activity's.

Thank you for your assistance.

Enclosures