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MINNESOTA BULLETIN: 300-4-10

SUBJECT: LTP – CSP – MINNESOTA CSP LISTENING FORUMS

Purpose. To provide field staff with information on the CSP listening forums and for obtaining comments on the CSP proposed rule.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2004

Minnesota NRCS will host 5 listening forums over the next several weeks to explain the CSP proposed rule and solicit public comments from our partners and producers. The following event schedule has been developed by Julie MacSwain, PAS, with assistance from the hosting ASTC (FO).

January 27 - Kasson, MN at Diggers Bar and Grill from 10:00 – 2:00

January 29 - St. Cloud, MN at the St. Cloud City Hall from 10:00 – 12:00 and followed by a Minnesota State Technical Committee Meeting from 1:00 – 3:00

January 30 – Montevideo, MN at the Chippewa County Courthouse from 10:00 – 12:00

February 2 – Bemidji, MN at the Northland Inn from 3:00 – 6:00

February 3 – Fergus Falls, MN at the Bigwood Convention Center from 10:00 – 2:00

These sessions will have various co-sponsors to assist with promoting attendance. All District Conservationists are expected to promote attendance at these sessions with our local partners and potential program participants. The attached media release can be used with local media outlets. Each hosting ASTC (FO) will also have a news release with the specific details of the forum in their area.

The information at these sessions will be very similar to that presented at last Friday’s CSP net conference. Field staff can attend a session with the prior approval of their supervisor. These sessions may generate interest from prospective CSP participants wanting additional information on the proposed minimum resource treatment requirements for program eligibility. Interested producers will be directed to their local field staff for an explanation of the typical conservation practices necessary for adequately treating Soil and Water Quality resource concerns, which are the proposed minimum CSP treatment requirements.

Also attached to this bulletin is a CSP Comment Sheet developed by the National office. This sheet will be distributed at the listening forums and can also be used by employees interested in submitting comments internally. All NRCS employee comments on the CSP proposed rule need to be submitted to Robin Martinek in the state office by February 20, 2004.

Thank you for your assistance in promoting interest in the CSP.

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Attachments

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