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11/16/2015

As a result of your request for an evaluation of proposed wetland activity via form **AD-1026**, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is issuing a preliminary certified wetland determination.

The regulations for the Wetland Conservation (WC) compliance provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act, as amended, are found at Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR) §12. The purposes of the provisions are to remove certain incentives for persons to produce agricultural commodities on highly erodible land or converted wetland.

The regulations describe several exemptions (7 CFR §12.5 (b)) from ineligibility and outline the NRCS involvement in implementing the WC Compliance provisions. This determination was conducted in accordance with the current federal wetland delineation procedures as found in the most current versions of the National Food Security Act Manual (NFSAM), the 1987 United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetland Delineation Manual, Technical Report Y-87-1, the USACE Regional Supplements, and/or State Offsite Methods/Mapping Conventions.

With this letter the NRCS is issuing a **preliminary technical determination**, in accordance with the WC Compliance provisions. This preliminary technical determination was conducted by the NRCS on **10/28/2015**. The attached NRCS-CPA-026E, Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Determination, and map depict the wetland exemptions, referred to as "labels". The area identified other than Non-Wetland is wetland for the following reasons:

Presence of Hydrophytic Vegetation:

Hydrophytic vegetation means plants growing in water or in a substrate that is at least periodically deficient in oxygen during a growing season as a result of excessive water content (16 U.S.C. §3801(a)(12)).

Presence of Hydric Soils:

Hydric soil means soil that, in its undrained condition, is saturated, flooded, or ponded long enough during a growing season to develop an anaerobic condition that supports the growth and regeneration of hydrophytic vegetation (16 U.S.C. §3801(a)(13)).

Presence of Wetland Hydrology:

Wetland hydrology means inundation or saturation of the site by surface or groundwater during the growing season at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation. (7 CFR §12.2).

The wetland area(s) were evaluated for applicable exemptions and labeled accordingly.

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You may appeal this preliminary technical determination in accordance with the laws and federal regulations set forth at 7 CFR §614, the NRCS Appeals Procedures, 7 CFR §780, the Food Security Act Appeals Procedures, and 7 CFR §11, the National Appeals Division (NAD) Rules of Procedure, as follows:

- **You may request a field review and reconsideration** by the NRCS in accordance with 7 CFR 614.7(b). Any request for field review and reconsideration will be conducted with you or your authorized representative present, where you will be able to present evidence that NRCS may not have previously considered. The NRCS will consider all new information.
- To request a field review and reconsideration, you must contact the NRCS, in writing, **no later than 30 days** from the date that you receive this notification at:

**Craig Veldkamp
105 S Crescent St
Flandreau, SD 57028**

- **If you do not request a field review, you may request mediation** of the preliminary technical determination in accordance with 7 CFR 614.7(a)(2). Mediation is completed in good faith. Parties mediating a dispute are not free to make their own law or policy and mediation is not a means to obtain a result not otherwise permissible under statute, regulations, or generally applicable agency policy and program procedures. Within these parameters, mediation of disputes can produce benefits when the mediation reveals additional relevant facts and new insights.

To request mediation you must contact Mr. Gerald E. Jasmer in writing **no later than 30 days** from the date that you receive this notification at:

State Resource Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
200 Fourth Street SW
Huron, South Dakota 57350-2475
Phone: (605) 352-1234
Fax: (605) 352-1261

- **You may request a waiver of your rights** to this preliminary review and reconsideration or mediation in accordance with 7 CFR §614.7(d) if you want an immediately-final wetland technical determination by writing to the State Conservationist at:

Jeffrey J. Zimprich
Natural Resources Conservation Service
200 Fourth Street SW
Huron, South Dakota 57350-2475
Phone: (605) 352-1234
Fax: (605) 352-1261

If you do not select any of your preliminary appeal rights, this preliminary technical determination will become both a final technical determination in accordance with 7 CFR §614.8(a)(1) and a certified wetland determination in accordance with 7 CFR §12.30(c). A technical determination becomes a final USDA decision when the time to request appeal expires without appealing the decision. A final technical determination becomes appealable 30 days after receipt of the preliminary technical decision.

If the final technical determination is a result of the expiration of the 30-day period following receipt of this preliminary technical determination, it may be appealed, **within 30 days**, to either of the following:

- Appeal to the **Deuel County Farm Service Agency County Committee**
OR
- Appeal to the NAD at the following address:

National Appeals Division, Western Regional Office
755 Parfet Street, Suite 494
Lakewood, Colorado 80215-5506
Phone: (800) 541-0483 or (303) 236-2862
TTY: (800) 497-0253
Fax: (303) 236-2820


It is your responsibility to ensure that your actions do not impact wetlands protected by a United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) or any other conservation easement. For any questions regarding FWS conservation easements on the tract or adjacent land, please contact the wetland management district office located in **Madison, SD, at (605) 256-6674 x3**. For any other easements, please contact the local NRCS office.

This preliminary technical determination has been conducted for the purpose of implementing the WC compliance provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act, as amended. This determination may not be valid for the Clean Water Act. If you intend to conduct any activity that constitutes a discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands or Other Waters, you should request a jurisdictional determination by contacting the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at **(605) 224-8531**, Pierre, SD, before starting the work.

There may be opportunities to utilize mitigation if you have an interest in converting the labeled wetlands (W's), farmed wetlands (FW's), and farmed wetland pasture (FWP), found in this determination. Mitigation is the compensation of lost wetlands through wetland restoration, enhancement, or the creation of new wetlands. Mitigation can not occur at the expense of the federal government. Mitigated wetlands must be in the same local watershed as the wetlands you wish to convert. The landowner must grant an easement that remains in effect as long as the original wetland remains converted and the easement will be recorded on public land records for the mitigated wetlands. All of the above activities, as well as, a mitigation plan, must be completed before any wetland conversions could occur.

If you are the owner of this tract of land and have a tenant, I urge you to discuss this letter and accompanying NRCS-CPA-026E with your tenant. Likewise, if you are the tenant of this tract of land, I urge you to discuss this letter with your landlord.

Sincerely,



Craig Veldkamp
Soil Scientist

Attachments: CWD Map, NRCS-CPA-026E, AD 1026
cc: (without attachments)
Gordon Lee, CED, FSA, Deuel FO
Amy Engels, DC, NRCS, Deuel FO



HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND AND CONSERVATION DETERMINATION

Name	[Redacted]	Request Date:	4/2/14	County:	Deuel
Address:		Tract No:	1451	FSA Farm No.:	2820
Agency or Person Requesting Determination:					

Section I - Highly Erodible Land (Y/N)

Is a soil survey now available for making a highly erodible land determination?	
Are there highly erodible soil map units on this farm?	

Fields in this section have undergone a determination of whether they are highly erodible land (HEL) or not; fields for which an HEL Determination has not been completed are not listed. In order to be eligible for USDA benefits, a person must be using an approved conservation system on all HEL.

Field(s)	HEL(Y/N)	Sodbust(Y/N)	Acres	Determination Date

The Highly Erodible Land determination was completed in the [Redacted]

Section II - Wetlands

Fields in this section have had wetland determinations completed. See the Definition of Wetland Label Codes for additional information regarding allowable activities under the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act and/or when wetland determinations are necessary to determine USDA program eligibility.

Field(s)	Wetland Label*	Occurrence Year (CW)	Acres	Determination Date	Certification Date
All	NW		158.1	10/28/15	11/16/15
1	PC		2.1	10/28/15	11/16/15
2	W		1.3	10/28/15	11/16/15

The wetland determination was completed in the [Redacted] Field [Redacted] It was mailed to the person on 11/20/2015

Remarks: All field numbers are based on FSA map.

I certify that the above determinations are correct and were conducted in accordance with policies and procedures contained in the National Food Security Act Manual.

Signature	Designated Conservationist	Date
[Handwritten Signature]		11/16/2015

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Certified Wetland Determination

Field Office: Flandreau Field Office
 Certified By: Craig Veldkamp
 Legal Desc: S2S2 27-114-48

Agency: USDA-NRCS
 Certified Date: 11/16/2015
 Tract: 1451



Legend

- Certified Wetland Determination Boundary
- Wetlands
- Wetlands
- Ditch
- NI
- NI/Ditch



- W Wetland
- FW Farmed Wetland Drained or modified & cropped prior to 12-23-1985, but still meets wetland criteria
- PC Prior Converted
- NW Non Wetland
- NI Not Inventoried Potential Waters of the US

See NRCS CWA Q265 for definitions and additional info



OFFICIAL WETLAND DETERMINATION
for Highlighted Tracts Only

NOT TO

- (W) Wetland
- (FW) Ditched or tilled prior to 12-23-85 but still wetland
- (PC) Converted Wetland prior to 12-23-85
- (CW) Converted Wetland after 12-23-85
- (---) Ditched prior to 12-23-85
- (---) Tilled prior to 12-23-85
- (---w---) Wetland in a channel

