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**MEMORANDUM
2020-012**

DATE: April 22, 2020

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM:  Jim Plassmeyer, Environmental Manager
Soil and Water Conservation Program.

SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of Grazing School Requirement

During the meeting on April 17, 2020, the Commission approved the following motion in response to the University of Missouri Extension and NRCS suspending the grazing schools until the end of May.

“Suspend the policy requirement in the DSP 3 grazing practices that the system operator has to attend a grazing school prior to the district submitting the contract for program office approval, until the grazing schools are reinstated by University of Missouri Extension and NRCS. Additionally, require the system operator for the contracts approved under the suspended policy to attend a grazing school prior to the contract being submitted for payment.”

Commissioners asked that this item be added to the agenda for the next meeting which is scheduled on June 24th to receive an update on the suspension of grazing schools and assess if anything else needs to be addressed if the schools get suspend further into the summer.

For districts submitting a grazing system contract for approval under this policy suspension, the following will have to be done when submitting the contract. In the qualifying criteria question for listing the system operator who has attended grazing school, you will put “No one has attended at this time”. You will also need to add a General Note stating that the contract is being submitted following the commission’s exemption to the attending grazing school policy.

Once the system operator has attended a grazing school and the contract is ready to be submitted for payment, you will add the person that attended the school to the qualifying criteria question prior to submitting the payment.

Please contact your coordinator if you have any questions. Thank you.