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Good afternoon,

The soil and water conservation program is aware of the recent information provided related to the changes in the procedures for protecting bat habitat. Program leadership met with NRCS and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) staff to discuss the agreement NRCS has with USFWS and impacts the guidance changes are having to state cost-share contracts. To evaluate the impact, the USFWS staff requested the number of state contracts that are currently impacted by the recent guidance that changed the tree felling to all trees ≥ 3 -inch DBH must occur during the dormant/winter season.

It has been determined, the best way to assess the impacts to state cost-share was to survey the districts. ***Districts are asked to complete the survey by the end of the day on Friday, May 22, 2026.*** This is a quick turnaround, but the information is needed for a follow up meeting with NRCS and USFWS to evaluate available options. Please complete one survey per district.

Here is the link to the survey. <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/V2YZmD0A8D>

Please contact your coordinator if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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