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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: May 14, 2012

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Ken ^{Ken} Struempf, District Operations Section
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: **DFR-05 Woodland Protection through Livestock Exclusion and N472 Use Exclusion Practice Policy Review**

During the Soil and Water Districts Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, the Commission directed program staff to perform a policy review of the DFR-05 Woodland Protection through Livestock Exclusion and N472 Use Exclusion practices. During a practice policy review, staff will collect information from the districts on suggestions for policy clarifications and enhancements for a particular practice. The program is seeking information that the board and district staff believe should be addressed in the review of the policies. This is an opportunity for the district to voice concerns or propose changes to current policy for use of these Woodland Erosion Resource Concern practices. The following timeline has been approved for these practice policy reviews;

- District comment period through June 20, 2012
- Proposed policy revisions sent back to the districts by July 6, 2012
- Second district comment period for the proposed policy revisions until August 10, 2012
- Proposed policy revisions presented to the Commission at the commission meeting on September 12, 2012
- The policies will be updated in the FY14 Cost-Share Handbook in November and will take effect for FY14 contracts.

Please take into account the following:

- The current policies, their interpretation and ease of understanding
- The possibility of merging these two practice policies
- Improvements to the practices. Any documentation and supporting justifications are welcome in this process.

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Please submit your information (Email, Fax or Mail) to Alan Freeman by the close of business on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. Thank you for your prompt response. If you have any questions, please contact Alan Freeman at the Soil and Water Conservation Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, by phone at 573-751-1373, or by email at: alan.freeman@dnr.mo.gov

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