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**MEMORANDUM**

**2018-010**

DATE: June 20, 2018

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: <sup>BW</sup> Colleen Meredith, Director  
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SUBJECT: Variance Allowing Grazing in Exclusion Areas

In response to the impacts of extended dry weather since last fall, the Soil and Water Districts Commission granted a statewide variance during their June 13, 2018, meeting allowing grazing until September 1, 2018, in livestock excluded areas that are under maintenance of a state cost-share contract. The variance applies to the following practices:

DFR-5	Woodland Protection Through Livestock Exclusion
DWC-1	Water Impoundment Reservoir
N386	Field Border
N393	Filter Strip
N472	Livestock Exclusion
WQ10	Stream Protection

Any seeding in the excluded area that is within the first year of establishment should be evaluated carefully to determine if it can withstand grazing.

The districts are asked to provide notification to the landowners who are impacted by this variance. The notification can be done via GovDelivery, email, letters, or any means the board determines will get the information to the landowners. The program will not be sending letters to the landowners. If you have any questions, please contact your district coordinator. Thank you.

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