

Programs Update

- CSP**
- 10 active FY2017 applications (3 recent cancellations)
 - CAET/rankings completed by March 31st
 - Area quality assurance review in progress
 - Preapprovals to start April 7th
 - All 2016 contract payments have been completed
 - All contract reviews completed by March 31st
 - Contract modifications will be needed for CRP enrollment, participant changes, and loss of control
 - CSP renewal applications due May 5th
 - participants will be notified via mail
- EQIP**
- Two 2017 EQIP applications preapproved for funding
 - 1 Upper Big Sioux application (stream crossing)
 - Contract obligated 4/5/17
 - 1 Energy Initiative application (energy upgrades)
 - Pending
 - All contract reviews were completed by March 31st
 - Currently addressing contract modifications and violations identified during review
 - Soil Health Initiative deadline extended to April 21st
- WRP/WRE**
- FY2017 Monitoring
 - Contribution agreement with SDACD has 85 easement monitorings assigned to the Brookings County Conservation District
 - Complete onsite monitoring for all assigned easements
 - Divide up and submit monthly (June 1, July 1, August 1) to assist easement staff with processing
 - Remaining easements are assigned to an easement support specialist
 - Developing final restoration plan and contract for FY14 easement that finally closed
 - Reviewed burn plan for prescribed burning 4/4/17
 - Payment and modification forms submitted for 1 restoration contract
 - Several requests for compatible use agreements to be addressed
 - Modifications needed for change of ownership for 4 easements
- CRP**
- Currently 28 new offer and 33 re-enroll applications to process
 - 10 plans completed, pending review
 - 4 plans returned for modifications for T&E policy updates
 - 1 returned due to field boundary changes requested by FSA
 - 12 CRP burn plans reviewed with producer and approved for mid-term management

Wetlands

- There are currently 11 outstanding CWD requests to be completed in Brookings County

Other

- 2017 Brookings County CEAP Supplemental Survey completed

Staffing

- Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist for Flandreau, SD
 - o will be re-advertised
- Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist from Murdo office assigned to assist with CRP

Dates

- 4/18 to 4/19 NRCS EEO training in Watertown
- 4/26 Ryan on Radio (910 AM) at 8:40 am