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NRCS Team III Monthly Report

April 1, 2021

Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP

- Staff are currently working on engineering and vegetative practice designs, checkouts, cultural resource clearances and conducting site visits.
- Total of 112 EQIP apps for the FY 2021 Funding
 - Ranking Deadline for FY2021 is May 7, 2021- Date has been extended
 - New Mexico NRCS EQIP website for FY 2021
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/eqip/>

Conservation Stewardship Program - CSP

- Total of 6 CSP applications for FY 2021 Funding
 - Ranking Deadline is April 9, 2021- Date has been extended
- Total of 4 CSP applications for FY 2022 Renewals
- New Mexico NRCS CSP website for FY 2021
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/csp/>

Team III Update

- NRCS field offices are open by phone appointment only until further notice, and NRCS staff are available to continue to provide one-on-one, customer-specific advice to producers to help them meet their unique conservation and business goals.
- All USDA Service Centers are not currently accessible to customers in person.
- NRCS staff are working with customers through phone, mail and online communications, and field work continues with appropriate social distancing and to help producers with conservation planning and financial assistance through Farm Bill programs. Customers may contact their local service center to make arrangements to complete program application and contract paperwork by alternative means, such as over the phone, electronically, or by mail.

Training

- April 7 – HELC (Highly Erodible Land Conservation) Training
- Cultural Resources Training, April 26-30
- July 28- North Area all Employees Meeting
- August 9-12 -Conservation Planning Training-

Staffing

- Advertised for Team 3
 - Civil Engineer, GS-0810-5/7/9, North Area, Hernandez

Other

- Joint Chiefs Proposal

**Respectfully Submitted,
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