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EQIP/CSP Working Group

Chair - Matt Smith (KS)

Thursday, March 7th 9:30 am to 12:00 am

**84th North American Wildlife Natural Resource Conference
Sheraton Denver Downtown, Denver Colorado**

Workgroup meeting overview – Discuss changes in EQIP, CSP and RCPP within 2018 Farm Bill. Hear progress on NRCS rule making progress, determine what, if any, recommendations could be brought forward from the working group during this process. Continue cross collaboration between states to meet the challenges and take advantage of opportunities in this Farm Bill within working land programs.

Agenda

- 9:30 Call to Order/Introductions
Minutes from the AFWA meeting in Florida – Follow up items
- 10:00 Clint Evens – State Conservationist Colorado – State Technical Committees, “How to work effectively together for wildlife conservation”
- 10:30 Review of changes in 2018 Farm Bill, NRCS staff perspective on new law – challenges and opportunities
- 10:50 Break
- 11:00 State and NGO perspectives on new law – challenges and opportunities
- Utilizing increased wildlife funding?
 - Funding pools vs. 16 practices accounting
 - Wildlife practice list
 - 10 year contract opportunities
 - CSP opportunities
- 11:30 Other discussion items
- RCPP review effort
 - Partner updates
- Action Items
 - Determine co-chair
 - Review and adjourn.