

CONSERVATION BUFFER TRAINING NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE

Instructions: Please complete each question, as instructed, and return to the NRCS National Buffer Coordinator by mail at _____ or by facsimile at _____ by no later than Friday, October 26, 2001.

1. Please characterize NRCS training on conservation buffer practice design, installation, and maintenance previously delivered to field office employees in your State over the past five (5) years? Please check one.

- Very comprehensive
- Moderately comprehensive
- Somewhat comprehensive
- Not very comprehensive
- No training provided

2. What level of need exists for buffer training among your field office employees currently? Please check one.

- Great need Some need Little need No need

3. What three elements of buffer training, if any, are most needed for your field office employees? Please list the elements in priority order or, if no training need exists, please leave blank.

Element Priority One: _____

Element Priority Two: _____

Element Priority Three: _____

4. How many days do you think might be committed to further buffer training for your field office employees if that training were made available next year within your State? Please check one.

- 1-2 days 2-3 days 3-4 days 4-5 days No days

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5. How useful would it be to your field office employees if any buffer training included some discussion of policy and program delivery, for the continuous CRP sign up, for example? Please check one.

Extremely useful Moderately useful Somewhat useful Not useful

6. How useful would it be to your field office employees if any buffer training included some discussion of how to market the use of buffers and supporting practices to landowners? Please check one.

Extremely useful Moderately useful Somewhat useful Not useful

7. If further buffer training were made available within your State, how would you like to see the training time allocated among technical, policy/program delivery, and marketing topics? Fill in the percentage.

Technical training _____%

Policy/program delivery _____%

Marketing _____%

Total 100 % (total must not exceed 100%)

8. Other comments/ suggestions

9. In what State do you work? _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. The team established to update the conservation buffer training package will review your responses.