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Hi Anne,

Attached are the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance comments on the draft State Technical Committee draft rules.

I thought you would like to know what our thoughts are to strengthen the state technical committee reaching out to all land users.

Thanks  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Indian Nations Conservation Alliance has two concerns with the draft rule on State Technical Committees.

1. The tribal conservation districts in most states are not part of the State Association of Conservation Districts since they are organized under tribal law. The rule needs to be sure to include the tribal conservation districts.
2. Most tribal conservation districts and many of the socially disadvantaged community based organizations do not have the resources to pay a person's travel expenses to attend the state technical committee meetings. Is there a way NRCS can cover their travel expenses? This would be a big help in getting the small, limited resource and socially disadvantaged organizations as well as producers to attend and get there inputs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick Gooby".

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