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NRCS XLT ITEMS TO ASK ABOUT

NRCS State Conservationist Sylvia Gillen has suggested NRCS employees statewide take the opportunity to visit with their Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations about some of the items discussed at the recent Executive Leadership (XLT) Meeting held in Salt Lake City April 28-29. Lee Woolsey, on detail to the state office, facilitated the meeting. Some of the action items include:

- Potential state budget and staffing plan adjustments were discussed that may be necessary based on probable scenarios for FY 2009. Possible short term and long term “what if” plans were discussed. Managers were encouraged to use detailees and TSPs; and employees were encouraged to look at opportunities to go to headquarters on details.
- GovTrip, a new travel service for NRCS employees, was introduced by Christene Staley. Each trip will have a new travel authorization and have its own electronic voucher. This new service will take effect July 3, 2008; in the meantime follow current travel procedures.
- Another new service coming soon to employees is SharePoint, a Web-based site where employee groups, such as admin, RC&D, and soil scientists, can go to share current working documents and calendar joint work activities. It is not a deposit for achieved materials, but rather a secure place where current working materials can be shared. And, the good news is, it will not require another password, you can access it with your e-auth login. Each site will have an administrator who will decide who has access and at what level—read only, authoring, etc. All prime staff were sent an email and should respond to Webmaster Rita Ramos with details about their desired set up for user groups.
- Other update reports and information you might ask about includes:
 - EWP plans and reports being completed
 - Soil Survey projects actively underway
 - Progress on the Huntington-Cleveland salinity project
 - Program payment processing procedures being revised by Jeff Schick and the DCs

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