

\$18 BILLION FOR CONSERVATION—HOW THE 2002 FARM BILL CAN ASSIST PRIVATE LANDS WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EFFORTS^{TWS}

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Dave White was named state conservationist of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Montana effective May 19, 2002. White is responsible for NRCS operations within the state, including administration of conservation planning assistance to private landowners, conservation cost-share programs, Resource Conservation and Development, the Natural Resources Inventory, soil survey mapping, and water supply forecasting. Before coming to Montana, White worked as a professional staff member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. In this position, he helped develop the conservation and forestry titles of the 2002 Farm Bill. White said the farm bill will bring many new opportunities for landowners to protect Montana's natural resources. White has also worked for NRCS in Missouri, South Carolina, and Washington, D.C. He is an honors graduate from the University of Missouri with a BS degree in Agriculture. White is married and has two children.