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## PROCEDURE NOTICE

### RD MANUAL CHANGES

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**INTEREST RATES, AMORTIZATION, GUARANTEE FEE, ANNUAL CHARGE, AND FIXED PERIOD.** This Instruction is partially revised as follows:

Exhibit B is partially revised to update the Treasury Judgement rate and the effective date of February 1, 2024.

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[Exhibit B revised 1-29-24.](#)

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**CLAIMS UNDER FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT.**

This Instruction is completely revised as follows:

Significant technical updates to reflect current policies and procedures of Federal Tort Claims administration. These updates include new, revised, removal of obsolete language, and links to statutory authorities. Also, to align with current Federal authorities, USDA regulations, and the current RD organizational structure.

Established the roles, responsibilities, and designations of Agency Tort Contact and State Office Tort Contact, and responsible offices to handle and execute claims within established thresholds.

Created new sections in the Instruction, including Agency Claim Report, delegations of authorities, definitions, and citations to assist the novice with how to properly handle a tort claim.

**INSERT RD INS 4280-E**  
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**RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.** This Instruction is being revised due to the publication of the Final Rule entitled

**"Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Regulation: Tribes and Tribal Business References To Provide Equitable Access"** dated December 14, 2023, with an effective date of January 16, 2024.

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