**Notice**

The Standard Special Provision (SSP) on the following page revises or modifies CDOT’sStandard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction*.* The Construction Engineering Services Branch has reviewed, approved, and issued it. Use as written without change. Do not use modified versions of it on CDOT construction projects. Do not use the following special provision on CDOT projects in a manner other than specified in the instructions without approval by CDOT’s Standards and Specifications Unit. The instructions for use appear below.

Other agencies using the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Constructionto administer construction projects may use this special provision appropriately and at their own risk.

**Instructions for use on CDOT construction projects:**

Use the following standard special provision on all projects with straw or hay mulch.

**Revise Section 213 of the Standard Specifications as follows:**

**In subsection 213.02, Remove 2 extra spaces between marsh and hay in the first sentence of (a).**

1. Materials shall conform to the following requirements.
2. *Mulching*. Materials for mulching shall consist of Certified Weed Free field or marsh hay or straw of oats, barley, wheat, rye, or triticale certified under the Colorado Department of . . .

**Add the following sentence to the second to last paragraph:**

Straw or hay mulch shall be a minimum of 10 inches in length. Straw or hay in a stage of decomposition (discolored, brittle, rotten, or moldy) or old, dry mulch that breaks in the crimping process will not be accepted.

**In subsection 213.03,Revise (a) with the following:**

*(a) Hay or Straw Mulching.*  After seeding has been completed or when required for erosion control, hay or straw shall be uniformly applied, at a minimum rate of 2 tons hay or 2.5 tons straw per acre with no bare soil showing, at the rate designated in the Contract or as directed. It shall be crimped to a depth of 2 to 3 inches with a crimper or other approved equipment. The Engineer may order hand-crimping on areas where mechanical methods cannot be used. The seeded area shall be mulched and crimped, and tackifier applied at a rate in Subsection (c) within four hours after seeding. Areas not mulched and crimped within four hours after seeding or before precipitation or damaging winds on site shall be reseeded with the specified seed mix at the Contractor's expense, before mulching and crimping.

When tackifier is required in the Contract it shall be applied in the following order: (1) mulching, (2) mulch tackifier.