

## Agenda Item 7. Grant Modifications

- A. 11-173 – High Plains - North Platte River Invasive Species Control (Pages 7-5 thru 7-6)  
The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Remaining funds have been obligated for invasive species removal. Work is scheduled around migratory bird time restrictions and is weather dependent. Not all work will be completed prior to June 30, 2016. An additional year is requested to continue the project and ensure funds are available.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- B. 12-129 – Lincoln – Eastern Saline Wetlands (Pages 7-7 thru 7-9)  
The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Final design of the wetland renovation at Marsh Wren is complete pending any modification required by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Project work will be bid and proceed as soon as the Corp permit is in hand. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- C. 12-142 – Nebraska Game and Parks Commission - Wildlife Habitat Improvement Through Prescribed Grazing: A Private/Public Partnership (Pages 7-10 thru 7-11)  
The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Project funds are obligated and work is proceeding as design work is approved and bids are accepted. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available for eligible project work.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- D. 12-185 – Ducks Unlimited - North Platte River Wetlands Conservation (Pages 7-12 thru 7-13)  
The sponsor is requesting a six-month extension of the expiration date to December 31, 2016. Project funds are obligated. Project work approved at the November 2015 NET Board meeting on the Anest property will proceed as soon as Army Corp of Engineers approval is received.

Staff recommends approving the six-month extension to December 31, 2016

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- E. 13-107 – Ducks Unlimited – Wild Tract Restoration (Pages 7-14 thru 7-15)  
The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Communications with neighbors continues to reach consensus on pit fills of their property. Project work will proceed as soon as landowner agreements are completed. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- F. 13-116 – Lincoln – Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Implementation Project (Pages 7-16 thru 7-17)  
The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Negotiations continue with landowners for three conservation easements and an acquisition. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- G. 13-117 – National Wild Turkey Federation - Forest Stand Restoration on Pine Ridge Wildlife Management Areas (Pages 7-18 thru 7-19)  
The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Removal of dead standing timber on the Wildlife Management Area is nearing completion. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available as reseeded and burning of tree piles is completed.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- H. 13-125 – Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Wetland Habitat Enhancement and Restoration in Nebraska's Rainwater Basin (Pages 7-20 to 7-21)  
The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Project work has been delayed through the Army Corp of Engineers permitting process, approval of partner matching funds, weather and staff changes. 14 projects are underway and in various stages. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available as projects are completed.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- I. 13-141 – Tri-Basin NRD – Cottonwood Ranch Rainwater Basin Wetland Restoration (Pages 7-22 to 7-23)  
The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Work is underway with NRCS on the Wetland Restoration Enhancement agreement and work will proceed as soon as approvals are complete.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- J. 13-177 – Ducks Unlimited – Cottonwood Ranch Platte River Wetland Restoration (Pages 7-24 thru 7-25)

The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Work continues with neighboring landowners to finalize restoration plans. Project work will proceed as soon as agreements are completed. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available for eligible project work.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- K. 13-178 – Ducks Unlimited – Rolland WPA Roundout (Pages 7-26 thru 7-27)

The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Cooperation continues with the landowners to complete the roundout. Pit fill and restoration can be completed once the wetland footprint is intact. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- L. 13-181 – Ducks Unlimited – Hannon WPA Roundout Restoration (Pages 7-28 thru 7-29)

The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Army Corp of Engineering approval has been requested and construction will begin as soon as the permits are issued. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- M. 13-182 – Ducks Unlimited – Timberlake Ranch Habitat Project (Pages 7-30 thru 7-31)

The sponsor is requesting a six-month extension of the expiration date to December 31, 2016. Construction is complete. Seeding is planned for this spring. This extension will ensure funds are available for the education component of the project.

Staff recommends approving the six-month extension to December 31, 2016

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

- N. 13-185 – Ducks Unlimited – Platte River Wildlife Management Area Partnership (Pages 7-32 thru 7-33)

The sponsor is requesting a six-month extension of the expiration date to December 31, 2016. We understand permits were received and construction is underway at Bassway and Dogwood WMAs. Work on Darr Strip and Blue Hole WMAs will begin as soon as bids are received. This extension will ensure funds are available for the education component of the project..

Staff recommends approving the six-month extension to December 31, 2016

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

O. 13-190 – Ducks Unlimited – Bergren Tract Restoration (Pages 7-34 thru 7-35)

The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Communications continues with NRCS to finalize restoration plans and construction will begin as soon as the WRP easements are complete. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available.

Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

P. 13-191 – Bird Conservancy of the Rockies - Enhancing Habitat Management in the Nebraska Panhandle Through Conservation Education (Pages 7-36 thru 7-37)

The sponsor is requesting a 1-year extension of the expiration date to June 30, 2017. Education programs have been very successful and continue to be requested and scheduled. An additional year is requested to ensure funds are available.

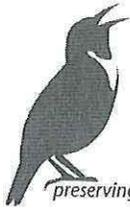
Staff recommends approving the one-year extension to June 30, 2017

***Possible Action: a motion to approve, modify and approve or deny the modification request.***

**Board Authority:**

Title 137, chapter 9, Section 010. If a grantee wished to modify a project other than one covered by section 006 above, the grantee must submit a proposed amendment to the grant agreement including a revised line-item budget. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the Executive Director at least 30 days prior to the requested changes with an explanation of need. The Executive Director will then either approve or deny the proposal and inform the grantee in writing of his or her decision.

Nebraska Statute 81-15-175 (4). The board may commit funds to multiyear projects, subject to available funds and appropriations. No commitment shall exceed three years without formal action by the board to renew the grant contract. Multiyear commitments may be exempt from the rating process except for the initial application and requests to renew the commitment.



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March 14, 2016

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Jeff Schledewitz  
High Plains WMA  
1517 Broadway Suite 101  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Reference: 11-173-2 – North Platte River Invasive Species Control Project (Phase 2)

Dear Jeff,

We are in receipt of your March 10, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand remaining grant funds are obligated for salt cedar, phragmites, and Russian olive removal but that due to Migratory Bird Act timing restrictions this work will not be completed by the grant expiration.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor  
Grant Administrator  
Environmental Trust  
402-471-5541

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March 10, 2016

Nebraska Environmental Trust  
Attn: Mark Brohman  
700 S 16th Street  
PO Box 94913  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4913

Dear Mark:

RE: Grant 11-173-2- North Platte River Invasive Species Control

This grant expires June 30, 2016 and the High Plains Board is asking for an extension for grant #11-173-2 for an additional year to June 30, 2017, at this time the pending projects will be completed.

Due to the Migratory Bird Act and the frost, we have been unable to do the work that we have lined up. We are currently working on several projects, as well as, lining up future Russian Olive removal and re-growth treatment projects, along with projects that require application treatment. We currently have lined up approximately 400 acres of Salt Cedar and Phragmites to be sprayed, as well as, approximately 400 acres of Russian Olive re-growth to be sprayed and treated throughout the summer months. The Board feels that we can utilize the remaining balance of this grant for these future projects and any other removal projects we have.

The Board would appreciate your concern and support in extending this grant through June 30, 2017.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Schledewitz,  
Board President





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Tom Malmstrom  
Saline Wetlands Partnership  
2740 A Street  
Lincoln NE 68502

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3-14-16

Reference: NET 12-139-3 Eastern Saline Wetlands

Dear Tom,

We are in receipt of your March 14, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand you are waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers permit approval for the Marsh Wren restoration. Once USACE approval is received the restoration plans will move forward with completion scheduled next year.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor  
Grant Administrator  
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March 14, 2016



Mark Brohman  
Executive Director  
Nebraska Environmental Trust  
P.O. Box 94913  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4913

RE: Project No. 12-139-3, Eastern Saline Wetlands Project 2012

Dear Mark:

This letter is to request an extension of the project period from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017. This would allow remaining grant funds to be expended. The City of Lincoln is very appreciative of the funding it has received from the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) for the conservation of the eastern saline wetlands. In 2015, the Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership executed a new inter-local agreement, which is effective through June 30, 2019.

In 2012, the City of Lincoln received \$1,400,000 in funding from the NET for a three-year period. These funds were distributed among four budget categories; Personnel, Acquisition money and transaction costs, Restoration and management work, and Planning and engineering. In February 2015, the City was awarded a one year extension to June 30, 2016 to expend remaining funds.

To date, the City has utilized \$895,000 of 2012 NET funds. These NET funds have been leveraged with \$1,653,296 from other sources for acquisition, personnel, management and restoration, and planning and restoration of property containing saline wetlands. It is the intention of the City to be as economical as possible when using this funding. The remaining 2012 NET balance is \$505,000. Current and future project budgets anticipate the use of 2012 NET funds in the amount of \$505,000 for the restoration of the Marsh Wren Community Wetland Management Area.

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) through the SWCP contracted with a consultant in March 2014 to conduct a comprehensive analysis and design of restoration features to restore the Marsh Wren saline wetlands. Marsh Wren is approximately 130 acres and is owned by the LPSNRD. It was purchased in May 2009 (80 acres) and June 2012 (49.5 acres) with \$91,500 from a City of Lincoln 2005 NET grant and \$130,000 from a City of Lincoln 2008 NET grant. Matching funds from the LPSNRD provided for the purchase were \$368,500.

The final design is complete pending any modifications required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the 404 permit currently being processed. Total engineering and construction management services cost is \$435,000; LPSNRD (\$415,000) and 2012 NET funds through the City of Lincoln (\$20,000). Post Project monitoring is expected to be required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with an approximate cost of \$35,000 over a five-year period, which will be the responsibility of the LPSNRD.

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Once the 404 permit is received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the wetland restoration project will be advertised for construction bids. Construction will commence once the contractor is selected. The estimated cost for the construction is \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. The SWCP is committed to fund the restoration construction with remaining funds from the City of Lincoln 2012 NET grant in the amount of \$505,000. The LPSNRD will provide approximately \$300,000 for the construction to match 2012 NET funds for the project. The total project cost is approximately \$1.2 million. The NET 2012 grant will provide \$525,000 and the LPSNRD will provide matching funds for the project in the amount of \$715,000. A copy of the Final Design for the project is attached. An open house was held at the LPSNRD on October 8, 2015. Approximately 25 persons attended the open house.

The City of Lincoln would like to request a one year grant extension to June 30, 2017 to expend remaining 2012 NET funds for the Marsh Wren wetland restoration project. We appreciate your efforts in the conservation of natural resources and look forward to working with you and the NET on future projects. If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-476-2729 or [tmalmstrom@lpsnrd.org](mailto:tmalmstrom@lpsnrd.org).

Sincerely,



Tom Malmstrom  
Natural Resources Coordinator  
Saline Wetlands Conservation Partnership

Enclosure



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Ted LaGrange  
Nebraska Game and Parks  
2200 N 33<sup>rd</sup>  
Lincoln NE 68503

Reference: NET 12-142 - Wildlife Habitat Improvement Through Prescribed Grazing:  
A Private/Public Partnership

Dear Ted,

We are in receipt of your March 15, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand projects will proceed as soon as engineering and bids are approved with completion scheduled next year.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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March 15, 2016

Mark Brohman, Director  
Nebraska Environmental Trust  
700 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mark

I am writing to request a one year extension of the Nebraska Environmental Trust grant 12-142 entitled *Wildlife Habitat Improvement Through Prescribed Grazing: A Public/Private Partnership*. The reason for the extension is that we needed to hold off on constructing a few of the WMA projects while we waited for engineering and bid approval. Construction on those projects should get underway soon, but may not be done by June 30<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the costs for several of the WRP projects came in for less than we had estimated, so we are hoping to expend the remaining funds (about \$27,000) on additional WRP properties and that likely will not happen until after June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you need additional information. Thank you for your patience as we work to finish out this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted LaGrange". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted LaGrange  
Wetland Program Manager  
(402) 471-5436

cc: Marilyn Tabor  
Leslie Hershberger  
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John C. Denton  
Certified Wildlife Biologist  
2121 N. Webb Road, Suite 309  
Grand Island, NE 68803

Reference: NET 12-185 – North Platte River Wetlands Conservation

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your March 10, 2016 letter requesting an extension to December 31, 2016. We understand you have completed the Beam restoration and are waiting for Army Corp of Engineers approval to begin the restoration work on the Anest property approved by the NET Board at the October meeting. The extension will ensure funds remain available through completion of the construction work.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 2016

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RE: Nebraska Environmental Trust Project, 12-185, *North Platte River Wetlands Conservation*

Dear Marilyn,

Ducks Unlimited is writing to respectfully request a six-month extension to *12-185 North Platte River Wetlands Conservation* to December 31, 2016. We completed the Beam restoration project this winter and received approval to add the Anest restoration project during October by the NET board. Since that approval, we have been working diligently to complete the necessary topographic surveys, wetland delineations, and permitting for this project. We are confident we will begin construction of the project soon after receiving the proper permitting from the Army Corps of Engineers, but we are unsure if we would be able to complete prior to June 30, 2016 since many of the permitting timelines are out of our hands. This extension will assure that we will complete the project. I can assure you this will be the final extension request for this grant given what we have accomplished thus far. We are requesting no extensions on any other 11 or 12 series NET grants.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

John Denton  
Manager of Conservation Programs, NE-KS  
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2121 N. Webb Road, Suite 309  
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Reference: NET 13-107 – Wild Tract Restoration

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your March 10, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand you continue to work with the adjacent landowners to reach consensus on pit fills on their property. Once final landowner approval is received the restoration plans will move forward with completion scheduled next year.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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RE: Nebraska Environmental Trust Project: #13-107, *Wild Tract Restoration*

Dear Marilyn,

Ducks Unlimited is writing to respectfully request a twelve-month extension to NET Project #13-107, *Wild Tract Restoration* to June 30, 2017. Concept plans are in place, and we anticipate the project will commence soon. We are working with the neighbors to come to an agreeable solution regarding the pit fills that will be taking place on their property. I am confident this project will be completed by June 30, 2017.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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Nicole Fleck-Tooze  
Lincoln Parks & Recreation  
2740 A Street  
Lincoln NE 68502

Reference: NET 13-116 - Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Implementation Project

Dear Nicole,

We are in receipt of your March 15, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand you are currently working with landowners for easements and acquisition that will fully utilize the remaining funds.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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March 15, 2016

Mark Brohman  
Executive Director  
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**RE: Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch Implementation Project No. 13-116-3**

Dear Mark:

This letter is to request an extension of the grant period from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017 to expend the remaining NET funds for this project. During the course of this grant, nearly 350 acres within the Prairie Corridor have been protected for the conservation of grassland and other natural resources, and tallgrass prairie habitat has been re-established on 38 acres. Construction has been completed on 1 mile of trail and another 1.3-mile segment of trail will be completed this summer. A partnership has been established with the UNL School of Natural Resources and numerous education and outreach activities have helped people understand the value of tallgrass prairie and the goals of the project.

\$323,801.93 in NET funds remains in the Conservation category on this project for the purchase of land and easements. This is due to additional matching funds that the City of Lincoln, Lower Platte South NRD and Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center were able to leverage to stretch the available funds for this project. The project partners also work closely with landowners to make sure their needs are fully met within the terms of conservation easements that are purchased, so these agreements take time to develop. However, we currently have in process the purchase of three conservation easements and one parcel, and these purchases will fully utilize the NET funds.

I would like to express our gratitude to you and the Environmental Trust for the support of this and other important environmental projects in the Lincoln area and across the state. Please feel free to contact me at 441-8263 or [ntooze@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ntooze@lincoln.ne.gov) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Nicole Fleck-Tooze  
Special Projects Administrator





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February 19, 2016

Jared McJunkin  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
5632 Legends View Drive  
Wamego, KS 66547

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Reference: NET 13-117 Forest Stand Restoration on Pine Ridge Wildlife Management Areas

Dear Jared,

We are in receipt of your February 18, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand the removal of dead standing timber will be completed in the next few months and the extension will allow necessary follow-up of reseeding and burning tree piles.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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700 South 16th St.  
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*Reference: Grant #13-117– Forest Stand Restoration on Pine Ridge Wildlife Management Areas*

Dear Marilyn,

On behalf of the NWTF, I am writing to formally request a one-year extension to our grant referenced above. We have made substantial progress on this grant and have plans and contracts in place to expend all remaining grant funds. All forest thinning activities will be completed in the next few months and prior to the end of the contract period. Most follow-up restoration work, such as reseeding of skid trails also will be completed.

However, as you know, the fires of 2012 left a lot of dead standing timber that has been included in our thinning efforts. Through this grant and our efforts, we have learned that slash and whole tree piles containing black material have not responded well to traditional burning prescriptions. These piles have needed extra time to dry for good ignition and proper consumption of the piles. In addition, burning is only advisable in a specific weather window, which has not always been available. While great progress has been made in burning piles this winter, due to proper burning conditions and aggressive activity by NGPC, piles remain on the landscape. Additionally, more piles are currently being created in steep terrain on the final thinning effort on Chadron creek Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

In the interest, of not leaving a substantial number of piles on the landscape, because of our forest restoration efforts through this grant, we are requesting this one-year extension, so the funds for treating these slash piles will remain available for the potential treatment of these piles next winter.

The NWTF is confident, that given this additional time, we can complete the clean up from our forest thinning efforts. We believe this is an important component of this grant, as it ensures we are not leaving large sources of fuel out on the landscape and it meets the proposed outcomes in our original grant proposal. Thank you in advance for your time and thoughtful consideration of our request.

Yours in Conservation,

Jared W. McJunkin - CWB<sup>®</sup>  
Conservation Field Supervisor – Northwest  
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March 25, 2016

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Andy Bishop  
Rainwater Basin Joint Venture  
2550 N Diers Ave, Suite G  
Grand Island, NE 68803-1214

Reference: NET 13-125 Wetland Habitat Enhancement and Restoration in Nebraska's Rainwater Basin

Dear Andy,

We are in receipt of your March 24, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand that nearly \$500,000 of the remaining projects funds are obligated to projects in various stages of completion scheduled over the next year. This extension will ensure funds remain available as the work is completed.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

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*North American Waterfowl  
Management Plan*

March 24, 2016

Marilyn Tabor  
Grants Administrator  
Nebraska Environmental Trust  
PO Box 94913  
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RE: Extension request Grant #13-125 – Wetland Habitat Enhancement and Restoration in Nebraska’s Rainwater Basin

Dear Marilyn,

The Rainwater Basin Joint Venture (RWBJV) is respectfully requesting a twelve (12) month extension deadline from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017 on the Wetland Habitat Enhancement and Restoration in Nebraska’s Rainwater Basin grant, #13-125.

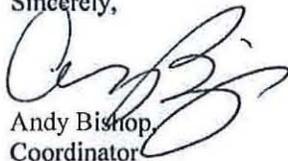
During this three (3) year grant we have run into issues such as extreme construction delays due to US Army Corp of Engineers permitting process, approval of partner matching project funds being delayed, unfavorable weather conditions and loss of staff capacity to pursue potential projects/landowners.

The Nebraska Environmental Trust records reflect a grant balance of \$538,260.72. The grant quarterly report for the period of January to March 2016 will reflect expenditures in the amount of \$56,452.84. The RWBJV currently has fourteen (14) projects in various stages of completion and six (6) projects with funds obligated. The cost of these projects total approximately \$418,984.13 which leaves a grant balance of \$37,381.49. We are working with the NRCS WRP Team Leader, Ducks Unlimited, NGPC, USFWS RWB WMD and other partners to develop and design additional projects which will expend the balance of the grant funds.

The RWBJV respectfully request the twelve month extension to ensure adequate time to fully complete the projects outlined above.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to extension request.

Sincerely,

  
Andy Bishop  
Coordinator

**Management Board Members**

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March 7, 2016

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John Thorburn  
Tri Basin NRD  
1723 Burlington  
Holdrege, NE 68949

Reference: NET 13-141 Cottonwood Ranch Rainwater Basin Wetland Restoration

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your March 1, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand you are working with NRCS on a minimal effects agreements and Wetland Restoration Enhancement application. Construction will begin following approvals. The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

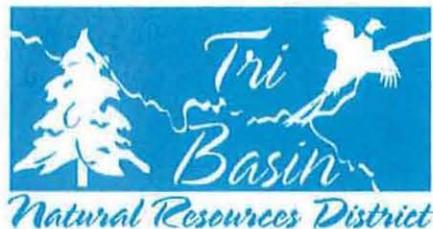
Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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RE: Nebraska Environmental Trust Project: #13-141, *Cottonwood Ranch  
Rainwater Basin Wetland Restoration*

Dear Marilyn,

I am writing to respectfully request a 12-month extension to NET Project #13-141 *Cottonwood Ranch Rainwater Basin Wetland Restoration* to June 30, 2017. We are currently working with NRCS on a minimal effects agreement and a WRE application. Once these requests are processed by NRCS we will not have sufficient time to complete construction activities before the grant expires. We plan to prioritize this project once we receive approval and will make every effort to complete this project by June 30, 2017.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

  
John Thorburn  
Manager



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John C. Denton  
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Reference: NET 13-177 – Cottonwood Ranch Platte River Wetland

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your March 10, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand you continue to work with the adjacent landowner to reach consensus on wetland restoration. Once final landowner approval is received the restoration plans will move forward with completion scheduled next year.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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RE: Nebraska Environmental Trust Project: #13-177-2, *Cottonwood Ranch Platte River Wetland Restoration*

Dear Marilyn,

Ducks Unlimited is writing to respectfully request a twelve-month extension to NET Project #13-177-2, *Cottonwood Ranch Platte River Wetland Restoration* to June 30, 2017. During the past year, having to receive approval from the numerous landowners of the property has caused delays in finalizing restoration plans. This project is definitely moving forward. We plan to prioritize this project once we receive landowner approval and will make every effort to complete this project by June 30, 2017.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

John Denton  
Manager of Conservation Programs, NE-KS  
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Reference: NET 13-178 – Rolland WPA Roundout.

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your March 10, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand you are continuing to work with the landowner to complete the roundout for the Rolland Waterfowl Production Area. Completion of the project will allow for the pit to be filled and the entire wetland footprint to be restored.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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RE: Nebraska Environmental Trust Project: *#13-178-2 Rolland WPA Roundout*

Dear Marilyn,

Ducks Unlimited is writing to respectfully request a twelve-month extension to NET Project *#13-178-2 Rolland WPA Roundout* to June 30, 2017. Discussions are still ongoing with the landowner and we remain optimistic that we will be able to acquire the Gemmar Tract as a roundout to the Rolland WPA. We will continue negotiations with the landowner and will make every effort to complete this project by June 30, 2017.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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Reference: NET 13-181 – Hannon Restoration

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your March 10, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand you are waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers permit approval. Once USACE approval is received the restoration plans will move forward with completion scheduled next year.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

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RE: Nebraska Environmental Trust Project: #13-181, *Hannon WPA Roundout Restoration*

Dear Marilyn,

Ducks Unlimited is writing to respectfully request a six-month extension to NET Project #13-181, *Hannon WPA Roundout Restoration* to June 30, 2017. We are currently waiting for permit approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers. The permit application was submitted approximately 2 months ago. Once we receive the necessary permits we will begin construction. We are confident we will complete this project by June 30, 2017.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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Reference: NET 13-182 - Timberlake Ranch Habitat Project - Combining Conservation with Education

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your March 10, 2016 letter requesting an extension to December 31, 2016. We understand the restoration portion of this project has been completed with seeding to be done this spring. The extension will ensure funds remain available for the education portion of the project at Timberlake Ranch for the summer of 2016.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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RE: Nebraska Environmental Trust Project: #13-182-2, *Timberlake Ranch Habitat Project*

Dear Marilyn,

Ducks Unlimited is writing to respectfully request a six-month extension to NET Project #13-182-2, *Timberlake Ranch Habitat Project* to December 30, 2016. The construction phase of the Timberlake project has been completed and seeding of the restored areas of the property is slated for this spring. We currently need additional time to design and implement the education component of the grant. Upon meeting the education requirement, the project will be fully complete. We plan to prioritize this project and should have no issue finishing this project by December 31, 2016.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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Reference: NET 13-185 - Platte River Wildlife Management Area Partnership

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your March 10, 2016 letter requesting an extension to December 31, 2016. We understand you recently received permits for construction and the work has begun at Bassway and Dogwood WMA with bids open for Darr Strip and Blue Hole. The extension will ensure funds remain available through completion of the construction work.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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RE: Nebraska Environmental Trust Project: #13-185-2, *Platte River Wildlife Management Area Partnership*

Dear Marilyn,

Ducks Unlimited is writing to respectfully request a six-month extension to *13-185 Platte River WMA Partnership* to December 31, 2016. We recently received all necessary permits to begin construction at the remaining project sites. Tree clearing and dirt work is currently taking place at Bassway and Dogwood WMAs. Darr Strip and Blue Hole are out to bid and construction will begin soon. Although we will complete the majority of the project prior to the June 30, 2016 deadline, an extension will assure us that we will complete all construction activities. This project is being prioritized, and I am confident we will easily have these projects completed prior to the end of the year.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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John Denton  
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Reference: NET 13-190 – Bergren Tract Restoration

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your March 10, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand you are working with NRCS to finalize restoration plans. The restoration plans will move forward as soon as the WRP easement is completed.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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RE: Nebraska Environmental Trust Project: #13-190, *Bergen Tract Restoration*

Dear Marilyn,

Ducks Unlimited is writing to respectfully request a twelve-month extension to NET Project #13-190, *Bergen Tract Restoration* to June 30, 2017. We are currently working with NRCS to finalize the restoration plan on the property as this property will soon be protected by one of their WRP easements. This project will be completed by June 30, 2017.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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Alexandra Mayes  
RMBO  
14500 Lark Bunting Lane  
Brighton, CO 80601

Reference: NET 13-191 - Enhancing Habitat Management in the Nebraska Panhandle Through Conservation Education

Dear Alexandra,

We are in receipt of your February 11, 2016 letter requesting an extension to June 30, 2017. We understand the education programs reaching a good audience and continue to be scheduled. The extension will ensure funds remain to finish the grant and deliverables.

The request for the extension of this grant will be reviewed by the Board at their April 7, 2016 meeting and you will be notified if the extension is granted.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Tabor,

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies is requesting an extension of grant number 13-191-3 until June 30, 2017. The current end date is June 30, 2016. We would like to extend the funds in project 13-191-3 in order to fulfill remaining grant deliverables. These remaining deliverables include Pennies for Plovers (renamed Mountain Plover Change for Change Project), after-school nature clubs, and citizen science programming. In addition, current programming detailed in 13-191 will continue to be implemented. Please contact me with any questions via email at [alexandra.mayes@birdconservancy.org](mailto:alexandra.mayes@birdconservancy.org) or by phone at (308)783-1019.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexandra Mayes".

Alexandra Mayes  
Nebraska Education Coordinator  
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