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To: County Boards
From: Nebraska Forest Service
RE: Missouri River East Community Wildfire Protection Plan

July 18, 2022

Enclosed please find a review copy of the Draft 2022 Missouri River East Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Burt, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Thurston, and Washington Counties. You are invited to look over the plan and provide comment during the review period, which ends August 19, 2022. Comments will be addressed and incorporated as appropriate into the final plan, and counties will be invited to sign. Please do not sign the enclosed draft version. Comments may be emailed to sbenenson4@unl.edu (preferred) or mailed via US Postal Service to Nebraska Forest Service, Attn: Sandy Benson, PO Box 830815, Lincoln, NE 68583-0815.

This CWPP update is the culmination of a collaborative planning effort. County boards, emergency managers, fire department personnel, and other stakeholders participated via a steering committee to guide the planning process to identify and address local wildfire concerns and issues that affect the Missouri River East region of Nebraska.

Landowners in counties with a CWPP in place are eligible to apply for federal and state cost-share funds for vegetative fuels reduction and other hazard mitigation efforts within the region. The CWPP may also enhance other state and federal funding opportunities for wildfire-related programs.

The finalized plan will be mailed to county officials and emergency managers in the region and will be available to others upon request. The document is also available online at <https://nfs.unl.edu/documents/CWPP/MRECWPP.pdf>



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