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# RESOURCE

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### Executive Director Corner

First of all I want to congratulate a few colleagues on their recent retirements. Don Kraus retired from Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District in Holdrege. Dave Tunink, Kirk Nelson and Jerry Garris all retired from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. On a sad note, I learned this week that Gary Gabelhouse passed away. I served on the Friends of the Museum Board with Gary at the University of Nebraska's Morrill Hall. Gary ran Fairfield Research but was also a novelist and world traveler. I enjoyed having lunch with him and hearing of his exploits in his younger years leading climbing expeditions in Africa, North and South America, Europe, and Asia. He also lived with the Masai tribe in Kenya for a while. He was a member of The Explorers Club. His brother Don was the long-time head of the Fisheries Division at Game and Parks.

The Grants Committee has finished its work and released the 2019 Recommendations for Funding Placed in Rank Order. This list now goes to the full Trust board on February 5<sup>th</sup> and then the final approvals take place at the April 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The full list can be seen at the link below or on our website. The recommendation is to award \$19.5M this year.



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One of the Governor's budget bills (LB 298) includes the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources applying for an additional three year grant to begin in fiscal year 2020-2021 seeking \$3.3M each year for the Water Resources Cash Fund. The same bill includes language appropriating General Funds to both the Water Resources Cash Fund and Water Sustainability Fund.

The Husker basketball teams are trying to find their way. The men were riding a 20 game home winning streak that ended this week with a 70-64 defeat to #6 ranked Michigan State. Many predicted this was going to be the men's best year in recent history, but they have struggled on the road. It looks like a former Husker is going to become a NFL head coach. Zac Taylor played for the Huskers in 2005 and 2006, went undrafted in 2007, was signed by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but was cut in the preseason. He went to Canada and joined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers as their 4<sup>th</sup> string quarterback, but never got the chance to play. He was a graduate assistant at Texas A&M 2008-2011, then coached at the Miami Dolphins, Cincinnati, and then Los Angeles. This could be his big break to be a head coach and running a program.

Safe travels.

Mark A. Brohman  
Executive Director

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### **2019 Grant Committee Recommendations For Funding Placed in Rank Order**

A copy of the Grantee Committee Recommendations for Funding Placed in Rank order can be found below:

[2019 Grant Committee Recommendations](#)

Sherry Vinton - Whitman

Rodney Christen - Steinauer

Quentin Bowen - Humboldt

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Jim Douglas, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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### **Prescribe Burn Workshops 2019**

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Nebraska are excited to announce a series of workshops that will be held around the state to provide guidance and instruction for completing safe and effective prescribed fires. Workshops will provide basic information to advanced topics including; burn boss leadership, growing season burns, prescribed fire for working lands, and tackling red cedar challenges.

In recent years, Nebraska has seen an increase in the use of prescribed fire on private lands. Pheasants Forever, along with partners, recognized this interest and the need for proper training and education on prescribed fire. Workshops were developed in response to this interest with the goal to help educate and train participants about the benefits and implementation of prescribed fire.

These unique workshops are available for landowners, resource professionals, volunteer fire departments and anyone else interested in learning more about prescribed burns. Workshops cost \$10 which includes a meal and training materials.

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Pheasants Forever is proud of the opportunity to offer these workshops across the state in partnership with Nebraska Environmental Trust, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency and the Nebraska Prescribed Fire Council. Since 2008, Pheasants Forever along with its partners have held a total of 121 workshops reaching 3,100 people with the goal to increase our capacity, use, and public awareness of prescribed fire for wildlife, livestock, and ecosystem management.

## Prescribed Fire Training Workshops

A series of workshops will be held around the state to provide guidance and instruction for completing safe and effective prescribed fires. These workshops are for landowners, resource professionals, volunteer fire departments and others interested in burning. No prior burn experience is necessary to participate.



Basic Workshops				
DATE	LOCATION	TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	TIME
January 17th 2019	Grand Island	Introduction to Prescribed Fire — Learn the basics of planning and implementing a prescribed burn on your land.	Hall County Extension—CIL 3183 US-34 • Grand Island	9:00 AM— 4:00 PM CST
January 17th 2019	Wayne State College	Introduction to Prescribed Fire — Learn the basics of planning and implementing a prescribed burn on your land.	Wayne State College Student Center E. 54th St. • Wayne	9:00 AM— 4:00 PM CST
January 23rd 2019	Alma	Introduction to Prescribed Fire — Learn the basics of planning and implementing a prescribed burn on your land.	Johnson Community Center 500 Main Street • Alma	9:00 AM— 4:00 PM CST
January 24th 2019	Lincoln	Introduction to Prescribed Fire — Learn the basics of planning and implementing a prescribed burn on your land.	Lancaster County UNL Extension 444 Cherry Creek Road • Lincoln	9:00 AM— 4:00 PM CST
January 28th 2019	Rushville	Introduction to Prescribed Fire — Learn the basics of planning and implementing a prescribed burn on your land.	American Legion Club 206 S. Oakleaf Street • Rushville	5:30 PM— 8:30 PM MST
January 29th 2019	Scottsbluff	Introduction to Prescribed Fire — Learn the basics of planning and implementing a prescribed burn on your land.	North Plains NRD 330047 Anson Road • Scottsbluff	9:00 AM— 4:00 PM MST
February 28th 2019	Sumner	Introduction to Prescribed Fire — Learn the basics of planning and implementing a prescribed burn on your land.	Turns Pub 537 West 5th Avenue • Sumner	9:00 AM— 4:00 PM CST

Advanced Topics				
DATE	LOCATION	TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	TIME
January 9th 2019	Broken Bow	Burn Boss Leadership — This workshop will discuss the role and responsibilities of a burn boss at a prescribed fire. Participants will engage in simulated exercises designed to develop leadership skills and enhance decision-making skills. Workshop size limited to 20 participants.	Tumbledweed Café 650 East G Street • Broken Bow	8:00 PM— 9:00 PM CST
January 10th 2019	Curtis	Growing Season Burns and More — Come learn about growing season burns in this open prairie and how expanding the burn season can help accomplish landscape level burn goals to restore this biologically diverse landscape.	The Twisted Mare 223 Center Ave • Curtis	10:00 AM— 3:00 PM CST
January 16th 2019	Stockville	Prescribed Fire for Working Lands — Learn how prescribed fire fits into your grazing operation including the steps needed to plan and implement a safe and effective burn to maintain healthy and diverse pastures for wildlife and cattle.	Stockville Village Hall 303 Wellington Street • Stockville	6:00 PM— 9:00 PM CST
January 23rd 2019	Nebraska	Tackling the Invasion of Eastern Red Cedar: Learn about the challenges and strategies for managing invasive cedar plantations in grazing with western red cedar trees, including the use of herbicide to remove prescribed fire.	County Café 80141 Hwy 14 • Nebraska	11:30 AM— 3:00 PM CST
January 30th 2019	Imperial	Making Prescribed Fire Work For You — Learn how using prescribed fire can be used to help you achieve your land management goals of soil, range, wildlife, and OES.	Mid Plains College 1324 Broadway • Imperial	5:30 PM— 9:00 PM MST
March/April 2019	Wahoo	Live Burn Demonstration — Hosts for a live prescribed burn demonstration and equipment rental at a prescribed burn. Sign up at NebraskaPF.com with an email and we will send details in Spring.	Lake Wahahee Ron Larson Day Use Area	TBD

Registration fee of \$10 includes meal and training materials. Visit [www.NebraskaPF.com](http://www.NebraskaPF.com) or call 308-850-8395 for more information and to register.



### Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Informational Seminar

You are invited to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Informational Seminar being held on

Thursday, February 7, 2019. This annual one-day seminar is an opportunity for landowners, agricultural producers, natural resource professionals, and other interested individuals to learn about conservation issues, research, and habitat programs in the Rainwater Basin region.

Attached is a PDF of the flyer detailing the schedule and topics that will be presented, which includes a morning plenary session on the NAWMP social components by Greg Soulliere, along with break-out sessions discussing programs available for landowners, the new Farm Bill and current research being conducted in the Rainwater Basin region.

The seminar will be held at the Ramada Midtown Grand Island, 2503 S. Locust Street, Grand Island.

To register online, please click this link [Registration for Informational Seminar](#) or go to our website, [www.rwbjv.org](http://www.rwbjv.org), and complete the registration form.

A \$40 fee, payable by cash/check at the door or by filling out a credit card authorization form, covers all sessions, snacks, and a buffet lunch. **Pre-registration by January 25<sup>th</sup> is requested to ensure an adequate lunch count** however registrations will be accepted at the door.

Landowners and agricultural producers are invited to register free of charge and to enter a drawing to win a \$50 Cabela's gift card.

If you have registration or payment questions, please contact Niki Messmer at [niki.messmer@rwbjv.org](mailto:niki.messmer@rwbjv.org) or call 308-382-8112.

Organizations that wish to host a booth or exhibit at the seminar may also contact Niki Messmer via e-mail or phone.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to others who might be interested in attending. This year's schedule will also be posted on our website, [www.rwbjv.org](http://www.rwbjv.org). We look

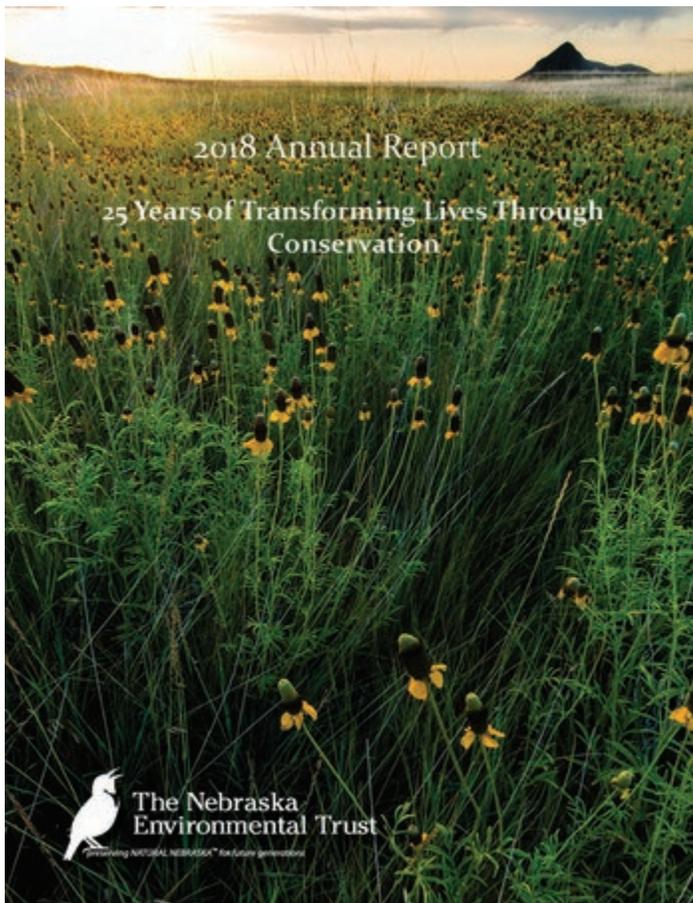
forward to seeing you at the 2019 Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Informational Seminar on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Click on [PDF](#) for more details.

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### **2018 Nebraska Environmental Trust Annual Report**

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Annual Report is currently available. You may click on the following link to view the [2018 Annual Report](#). Look for your copy in the mail in January, if you have a subscription with us.



## Upcoming Events

- February 5, 2019 (Tuesday) - 1st Quarter Board Meeting
  - February 7, 2019 (Thursday) - Rainwater Basin Joint Venture 24th Annual Informational Seminar, Ramada Midtown, Grand Island.
  - April 4, 2019 (Thursday) - 2nd Quarter Board Meeting.
  - April 13, 2019 - Omaha Earth Day, Elmwood Park, 11am - 6 pm, Omaha NE.
  - April 27, 2019 - Lincoln Earth Day, Union Plaza, 10am - 3pm, UNL, Lincoln NE.
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