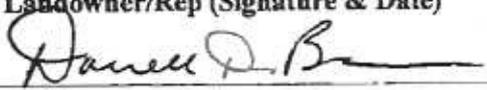


**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Natural Resources Conservation Service**

COMPATIBLE USE AUTHORIZATION FOR WRP EASEMENTS

County: Jefferson	Contract No: 66-6526-09-628
	Authorization No: 2
	Expiration Date: 12/31/2017
Landowner/Rep (Name & Address): Darrell Bruns PO Box 552 Beatrice, NE 68310	This authorization (is) (is not) assignable to subsequent landowner(s): Is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Is Not <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Appropriate Box
Purpose: To establish and maintain an observation blind within WRP easement area to enhance recreational opportunities.	
Land Description (Legal description and attached copy of map): E1/2 E1/2 Section 16-T2N-R2E Jefferson Co.	
Beginning Condition of Site: Post- restoration; The site is a mix of establishing upland and wetland habitats. Management activities on the acres are planned once every three years to improve wildlife habitat value and encourage a diversity of desirable species.	
State of Effect & Compatibility: Installation of a pit blind will increase recreational opportunities on the easement area without impairing the wetland function for migratory bird habitat and will provide motivation for landowner management of the easement area for the wetland function of migratory bird habitat. Activities that maximize recreational values and are compatible with habitat values and management plan objectives are encouraged.	
Special Conditions (Specifications and other details of permitted activities; Copy of construction plans attached): Blind will be installed by landowner at own expense and must be in accordance with NRCS guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blind will be temporary (i.e. having no foundation or poured concrete). • Dimensions of the blind will not exceed 120 square feet and additional blinds cannot be located closer than 200 yards. • Above ground blinds cannot exceed a height of 5 feet; below ground blinds cannot extend higher than 1 foot above the original ground and will blend with the natural topography. • No fill will be placed in wetland during blind installation. • Excavation cannot pierce the clay layer when installing the blind. • Below ground blinds will remain covered when not in use. <p>If the installation of the bit blind results in impairment of the wetland function and value and special conditions of the compatible use agreement are not being followed, the landowner will be responsible at their own cost for repairing damages.</p> <p><i>NRCS retains the right to modify or cancel this compatible use authorization at any time if the NRCS determines that such activities do not further the protection and enhancement objectives of the easement, or that the landowner has failed to comply with specified terms and conditions. The landowner engages in such activities at his/her own risk. This authorization does not vest any right of any kind to the Landowner. This authorization is null and void after the expiration date specified above. By signing this document, the landowner agrees to the terms described above and one any referenced documents</i></p>	
Landowner/Rep (Signature & Date) 	Landowner/Rep (Signature & Date)

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NE Game & Parks Commission (Signature & Date) <i>See attached</i>	US Fish & Wildlife Service (Signature & Date) <i>See attached</i>
NRCS Recommended (Signature, Title & Date) <i>Katie Lemke 8/14/12</i>	NRCS Approved (Signature, Title & Date) <i>[Signature] ASTC/PP 9/18/12</i>

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Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
Compatible Use Guidelines on Easements

General Considerations

- 1) Compatible uses are important management tools to achieve wetland functions and values and maximize wildlife habitat. Compatible uses further the long-term protection and enhancement of the wetland and other natural values of the easement area.
- 2) Compatible use implementation can provide management of plant succession and improve habitat diversity on easement lands.
- 3) Compatible uses that enhance a landowner's recreational right will provide incentive and vested interest in managing the easement area. Activities that maximize recreational values and are compatible with habitat values and management plan objectives are encouraged.
- 4) The activity must not adversely affect habitat for migratory birds and threatened and endangered species.
- 5) Compatible use activities must consider the target species and their habitat needs from the existing management plan (focus is on migratory birds and T & E species).
- 6) Compatible uses permits must show how the activity will benefit target species and what criteria or conditions will be incorporated into the authorization.
- 7) Compatible uses are not a right or guarantee to the landowner. They are authorized at the discretion of NRCS, in consultation with partners, for activities that provide wildlife benefits to the easement area.
- 8) Compatible use plans must specify activity and prescribe method, frequency, timing, intensity, and duration.
- 9) Compatible uses may be written and authorized for up to five (5) years in length.
- 10) Only the State Conservationist or the Assistant State Conservationist/Programs can authorize compatible uses.
- 11) Annual on-site monitoring is required for all easements with authorized compatible uses in effect. This close monitoring will insure that the prescribed use is consistent with the long-term protection and enhancement of the easement area.

OBSERVATION BLINDS

- Allowing blinds on WRP lands will enhance recreational opportunities and provide motivation for landowner management of the easement area for the wetland function of migratory bird habitat.
- The blind shall not impact the wetland functions or use by migratory birds.
- All blinds will be temporary; i.e. having no foundation or poured concrete.
- The dimensions of the blind will not exceed 120 square feet and additional blinds can not be located closer than 200 yards.
- Aesthetics – above ground blinds can not exceed a height of 5 feet; below ground blinds can not extend higher than 1 foot above original ground and will blend with the natural topography.
- No fill will be placed in wetland when installing the blind.
- Excavation can not pierce the clay layer when installing the blind.
- Below ground blinds will remain covered when not in use.

Jirak, Jeremy - NRCS, Grand Island, NE

From: Laurel_Badura@fws.gov
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 9:09 AM
To: Jirak, Jeremy - NRCS, Grand Island, NE
Subject: Compatible Use Authorization

Jeremy:

Please accept this e-mail as my concurrence of the Compatible Use Authorization.

Laurel

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Wildlife Biologist
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

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Jirak, Jeremy - NRCS, Grand Island, NE

To: Luedtke, Scott
Subject: RE: CUA

From: Luedtke, Scott [<mailto:scott.luedtke@nebraska.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2012 11:50 AM
To: Jirak, Jeremy - NRCS, Grand Island, NE; [Laurel Badura@fws.gov](mailto:Laurel.Badura@fws.gov)
Subject: RE: CUA

Jeremy,

Please consider this email my concurrence for the Compatible Use request. Thank you. Scott

2012 WRP Compatible Use Authorization Plan Map

Date: 8/14/2012

Customer(s): DARRELL D BRUNS
District: LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Field Office: FAIRBURY SERVICE CENTER
Agency: NRCS
Assisted By: KATIE LEMKE

Legal Description: Sec 16-T2N-R2E Jefferson Co.



Legend

-  BrunsWRPBoundary
-  Observation Blind
-  Chemical & Mechanical Invasive Species Control
-  Prescribed Burning
-   upland
-  WRPwetlandrestoration
-  Prpariantree

