



## PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NRD STAFF ASSIST NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE WITH PRESCRIBED BURN



Blair Field Office NRD employees assisted the Nebraska Forest Service for a prescribed burn in Douglas County on April 15th, 2021. Sixteen acres of prairie grasses adjacent to Bennington High School were safely burned. Three NRD employees along with four Nebraska Forest Service staff members and three volunteers from Pheasants Forever monitored and safely maintained the burn for 3 hours.

Prescribed burns improve soil health, control weeds and trees in pastures and CRP land, improve forage quality and aid in regeneration. This particular prairie was being overtaken by weeds and volunteer trees.

In the weeks and months to come, this prairie will once again come alive with healthy and lush native grasses. If you're in the area, drive by and note the progress!



### SAVE THE DATE!



Our habitat partner, Pheasants Forever, is holding their annual banquet June 10th at the Washington County Fairgrounds!

## WELCOME JON HANSEN, OUR NEW NRD FIELD REPRESENTATIVE!

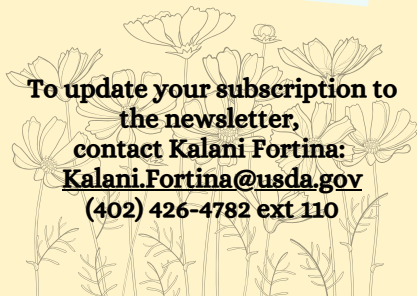


Jon Hansen recently stepped up to the role of PMNRD Field Representative. Jon will be assisting Washington and Burt Counties. He will work out of the Burt County office in Tekamah.

Prior to the title of Field Representative, Jon worked out of the Tekamah NRCS office as a Soil Conservation Technician. He grew up on a farm in Burt County and still has a cow/calf operation.

Jon graduated with a Diversified Agriculture degree and has been working in agriculture since 2007. He stays busy on the farm with his wife and 3 children. He also enjoys hunting and Husker football.

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## FIELD NOTES



Photo by Chuck Venditte

Kyle Madsen (PMRNRD Watershed Coordinator), Tom English (NRCS Soil Conservationist) and Rod Angerth (NRCS Civil Engineer) perform an ecological survey for a potential erosion control structure.



Photo by Tom Welsh

Tree Planting is in full swing! If you weren't able to get trees ordered this year, it's never too early to start planning for next year!

## Tribute - Terry's

A word from Terry Schumacher, Land & Water Programs Coordinator

### ***Electronic Waste Recycling and You!***

The upcoming E-Waste recycling event on May 25th is a great event for all citizens of Washington County to participate in! Odds are that everyone has some type of electronic device in their home, garage, or shop that needs to be disposed of properly. My fingers are crossed that there are not too many of the back-breaking tube televisions still out there!

The event is a little later in the year than we have done in the past, so hopefully it is warmer than early April or, as I write this, April 21st.

I do also want to note that the Papio-Missouri River NRD will not be having a Tire Recycling Event in 2021 due to the fact that we were unable to receive grant funding from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. I know many of you have inquired about this. The goal is to have a Tire Collection in 2022.

## 2021 SCRAP COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION

**MAY 25TH  
3PM-6PM  
BLAIR FIELD  
OFFICE  
1060 WILBUR  
STREET**

*Free disposal of  
computers,  
monitors, printers,  
cords, keyboards,  
televisions, radios,  
phones & small  
electronic devices.\**

*\*no microwaves or large  
appliances*

