Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report To Papio-Missouri River NRD Board June 9, 2011 Neil Jensen, District Conservationist

FLOODING 2011



Missouri River upstream of Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge



Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge



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The Wetland Reserve Program is an option landowners may want to consider for low land located adjacent to the Missouri River.



What are Food Security Act (FSA) Compliance Status Reviews?

Compliance reviews are conducted to ensure that farms receiving commodity payments are implementing and/or maintaining conservation practices. Status reviews are conducted on highly

erodible and wetlands designated farm tracts.

The status review requires an inspection of the tract to identify if conservation systems have been implemented, and if they are being maintained, currently being implemented, no longer needed due to a change in the land use, or not participating in those USDA benefit programs that fall under the provisions of 16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.

Farms with tracts found to be in non-compliance with the provisions are subject to revocation of certain USDA benefits in the crop year of the noncompliance violations, and for any future years until the USDA participant has fully applied and maintained, and/or restored the areas or tracts where the violations had been found.



STAFFING UPDATES

Lorrie Lanham, BMLP Participant, is assisting NRCS Field Offices within the Papio-Missouri River as part of her 12 week field office rotation.

Business Management Leaders Program is a two-year training program for people in the management area. They are all new hires in human resources, acquisitions, financial management, and general administration. The Field Office rotation is their first of seven rotations. Even though these are all management people, NRCS wants to start them with a grounding of who we are as an agency. We want them to understand our mission, how we work with farmers and ranchers, how we work with partners, what technical assistance is and how we implement programs.

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