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IN REPLY TO:

Mr. Raymond Durner  
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Dear Mr. Durner:

Thanks for the phone call and the follow-up note and pictures about the weed problem on some CREP lands in your area. I am sharing your pictures with other DNR staff.

As you are aware, there are differences between the CREP and EQIP programs. EQIP allows dryland farming to continue, but CREP does not. That's because a primary purpose of the CREP program is to improve wildlife habitat by increasing the amount of grassland in the area.

I assume that you have shared your photos with someone at NRCS. If not, I encourage you to do that as well.

Sincerely,

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