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Roger Patterson, Director  
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 94676  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Nebraska Drought Assistance Projects

Dear Mr. Patterson:

In response to your July 8, 2004 letter, the necessary funding and authorization for the following projects have been granted allowing us to move forward with cooperative agreements:

- \$ 30,000 -- Upgrade soil moisture monitoring network. (Project No. 3)
- \$ 25,000 -- Update Drought Mitigation Plan. (Project No. 4)
- \$113,500 -- Improve the distribution of streamflow data via internet. (Project No. 6)
- \$100,000 -- Flow meter cost share in the South Platte Natural Resources District. (Project No. 7)
- \$ 37,000 -- On site computer capabilities for Southwest distribution. (Project No. 9)
- \$ 15,000 -- Place stream gage in the South Platte River near Paxton. (Project No. 10)
- \$ 16,500 -- Provide flow measurement equipment to DNR. (Project No. 13)
- \$ 17,000 -- Upgrade gaging equipment in the Republican Basin. (Project No. 14)

The final decision for funding the Mid High Plains Education Initiative (Project No. 8) has not yet been made.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need further clarification. Jack Wergin is our drought coordinator (308-389-4622, extension 209). We will be contacting you in the near future concerning the agreement.

Sincerely,

Alice E. Johns  
Area Manager

cc: Steve Gaul, DNR, PO Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509