



Twin Valley Weed Management Area
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To: Landowners adjoining the Republican River from Cambridge Diversion to Harlan County Lake

This letter is to inform you of an endeavor to control vegetation and debris within the Republican River streambed. Last year Governor Heineman signed a bill called LB701. This bill has emergency funding which is earmarked for spraying and mechanical weed control within the banks of the river. These funds were utilized this past year for the river channel from Harlan County Dam to the Kansas-Nebraska State Line near Superior, Nebraska, with much success. The Twin Valley Weed Management Area (TVWMA) committee administers these funds and is now developing a plan of work for the river channel from Cambridge Diversion to the Harlan County Lake.

We have a great challenge ahead of us and need your help to succeed with this segment of the river. Receiving this grant money will be a huge opportunity for us to use a large amount of outside money to remove vegetation and debris from within the streambed. Currently the situation is a manageable problem that could easily turn into an unmanageable one if we don't do something now. Waiting could result in damage that you may have to pay for in the future. The time to act is NOW!

We invite you as a landowner and/or tenant to join the TVWMA and attend the upcoming informational meeting(s) that will be held at the following locations:

- Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. at the American Legion in Orleans, NE
- Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ella Missing Center in Arapahoe, NE.

You may attend either meeting that fits your schedule. PLEASE INFORM YOUR TENANT OF THE MEETING AS WELL. Because we will be doing some spraying, deep disking, and debris removal within the river channel we need your permission to do so and will be requesting that you sign a "Letter of Agreement" which will provide us permission to control the vegetation within the river channel on your property. We also invite your input and your willingness to help us with this endeavor. This truly is a huge opportunity for all of us! Thank you for your consideration of our request and if you have further questions, please feel free to contact us at the Trailblazer RC&D office in Red Cloud.

Sincerely,

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