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Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry

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The division has worked cooperatively with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service on many projects. These projects support the South Dakota Forest Action Plan by utilizing 23 strategies to address all three national themes (Conserve Rural Forests; Protect Forests from Harm; Enhance Public Benefits from Trees and Forests) outlined by the State & Private Forestry (S&PF) National Priorities and Objectives.

The cooperative projects utilize strategies to address 11 threats identified in the Forest Action Plan. Examples of the strategies this cooperation include, but are not limited to:

- Provide forest management technical assistance
- Prepare and implement Forest Stewardship Plans
- Work with other agencies
- Provide financial incentives
- Encourage species diversity
- Promote windbreak renovation

NRCS Cooperative Work 2013-2014

Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative

The division received two Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative grants from the USDA NRCS in July 2010. One grant was for shelterbelt renovations and the other was for riparian tree plantings. Both were five year grants and cover South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. The division was the lead agency for these two grants. For FY2014 the four states received 231 applications for shelterbelt renovation. One hundred forty-nine applications were funded amounting to \$1,335,274. A breakdown of applications received, funds requested, contracts funded, funds obligated can be found in Table 1. Eleven applications for riparian tree planting were received from Kansas and South Dakota during the FY2014 sign-up. Of those applications, six applications were funded in the amount of \$53,169. A breakdown of applications received, funds requested, contracts funded, funds obligated can be found in Table 2.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

The division entered into a contribution agreement with the NRCS in 2013 to provide services for landowners interested in using EQIP for management on their property. The division contributes 50% of the cost of technical assistance. The services provided were needs assessment, design, practice layout, development of practice plan, and certification of completion. The practices to be implemented included forest stand improvement, firebreak, firebreak, forest slash treatment, and brush management.

Agroforestry Services Agreement

The division also entered into a contribution agreement with the NRCS in 2013 to provide agroforestry services that include training of forestry and windbreak practices, technical assistance, and document reviews. The divisions contributes 25% of the costs for these services.



CCPI Shelterbelt Renovations

Table 1. CCPI shelterbelt renovation applications received and funded in FY2014.

Shelterbelt Renovation	# of Applications	# of Contracts	Obligation
	Received	Funded	Amount
South Dakota	123	78	\$974,732
North Dakota	0	0	\$0
Nebraska	6	6	\$34,416
Kansas	102	65	\$326,126
TOTALS	231	149	\$1,335,274

Table 2. CCPI forested riparian buffer applications received and funded in FY2014.

Forested Riparian Buffers	# of Applications	# of Contracts	Obligation
	Received	Funded	Amount
South Dakota	1	1	\$8,363
North Dakota	0	0	\$0
Nebraska	0	0	\$0
Kansas	10	5	\$44,806
TOTALS	11	6	\$53,169

Table 3. EQIP practices completed from FY2010—FY2014

FY	# of Practices Completed	# of Acres Completed
2010	13	298
2011	13	313
2012	20	490
2014	20	371
TOTALS	66	1,472

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