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**NOTICE TO ALL  
LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN  
RANGE-WIDE PLAN  
PARTICIPANTS**  
*Changes to the Calculation of Remediation Units*  
10/02/2017

WAFWA is contacting all Range-wide Plan Participants to inform them that we have found some formula errors in the Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) and WAFWA Conservation Agreement (WCA) and we are making corrections to the calculation of remediation units. These corrections:

- Will not require additional funds from participants,
- Will ensure that funds contributed by industry continue to provide conservation for the species and evidence to preclude listing in perpetuity,
- Will ensure the durability of the program over the long-term, and
- Will incentivize the removal and remediation of infrastructure by all industries.

These corrections were reviewed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Service determined that they would not trigger actions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

WAFWA is confident that these corrections are beneficial for conservation of the species and for the participant companies enrolled in these agreements. We will begin implementing these corrections immediately. **If you have questions or concerns about these corrections, please contact the WAFWA Industry Service Director**, Sean Kyle at [sean.kyle@wafwa.org](mailto:sean.kyle@wafwa.org) or 806-252-2766. These corrections will also be documented in the 2017 WAFWA Range-wide Plan Annual Report.

The errors can be found on page 222 in the RWP, Appendix B in the CCAA, and Exhibit C of the WCA. The description and explanation of the corrections are as follows:

- 1) Change the formulas for the calculation of remediation units to represent annual remediation units defined as:

$$\text{Annual Remediation Units} = \text{HEG Score} \times \text{Remediation Acres} \times \text{Offset Multiplier}$$

This change allows the remediation to generate offsets in our project ledger annually in perpetuity.

- 2) Shift the endowment multiplier term from the definition of remediation units into a separate calculation of administrative costs for remediation projects that were not mitigated for under the CCAA and WCA by the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Endowment Remediation Units} &= \text{Annual Remediation Units} \times \text{Endowment Multiplier} \\ &\text{and} \\ \text{Administration Cost} &= \text{Endowment Remediation Units} \times \text{Habitat Management Cost} \times \frac{1}{2} \text{ Full Administrative Fee} \end{aligned}$$

This change keeps the administrative costs for participant companies the same as they were in the original language.

- 3) Correct the formula for Remediated Area from:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Remediated Area} &= (\text{Impact Buffer}^2 \times \pi) / 43,560 \\ &\text{to} \\ \text{Remediated Area} &= \text{Area of the Impact Buffer in acres for the Remediated Project} \end{aligned}$$

This change ensures remediation units can be calculated for impacts that are based on lines or polygons like powerlines, roads, or power plants instead of just point-based impacts like wells and compressors.