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NATIONAL BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

**Northern Prairie Science Center
8711 37 Street Southeast
Jamestown, North Dakota, 58401-7317**

January 19, 1995

Dear

The Northern Prairie Science Center located in Jamestown, North Dakota is interested in assessing the condition of the wetlands across the Prairie Pothole Region of North Dakota. The purpose of this research is to characterize and estimate the extent of wetland resources in North Dakota and to determine factors that contribute to their value.

A number of wetlands were randomly selected for study in North Dakota including one or more on your property. To insure that our work accurately represents wetlands throughout North Dakota, it is important that we receive your written permission to allow us access.

The study may require three or four visits to each wetland during the summer of 1995. The objective of these visits is to collect data on wetland plant and animal communities, soil chemistry, sedimentation rates, and hydrology. We anticipate that the measurements will be recorded in a few hours by two or three of our researchers in daylight hours only.

We realize that working on your land is a privilege and we will respect your landowner rights at all times. We are prepared to honor any special conditions that you may impose upon us, although walking access is all that we require. We will be happy to share our findings with you if you are interested. If you have any concerns during the study, please contact me at #70-252-5363. Call collect and tell the receptionist that you are a landowner involved in the Prairie Pothole study or write to me directly at Northern Prairie Science Center, 8711 37 Street Southeast, Jamestown, N.Dak. 58401-7317.

I have attached a consent form that we ask you to complete and return to us as soon as possible. I will be calling you over the next few weeks to answer any questions you might have on this study.

Thank you again for your cooperation in this study. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rick Hegvik



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
303 Methodist Building
11th and Chapline Streets
Wheeling, WV 26003**

March 15, 1995

Dear Landowner:

The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is conducting exploratory research on the use of breeding bird information to better understand environmental conditions. Such information has the ability to describe changes in landscape, food availability, habitat quality and environmental stresses. In order to conduct this exploratory research, eighty sites in the Mid-Atlantic Region have been randomly selected for evaluation during the Spring and Summer of 1995. The selection of these sites is strictly random and no other criteria was used for the selection. The birds will be identified by sight and song (specimens will not be collected). Such assessments, conducted over several years, will enable us to better evaluate environmental trends. The enclosed brochure further describes the work to be performed.

One of the sampling sites selected is located on your property or property adjacent to yours. We are contacting you prior to the site visit to obtain permission to access the sampling site. We have enclosed a copy of a topographic map(s) with the site(s) identified by a point and circle. All members of the field crews are environmentally conscious and will not damage the property in any way.

Please return the completed Access Permission Form in the enclosed envelope by April 10, 1995. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Laura Jackson (919/541- 3088) or me (304/234-0243)

Sincerely,

James Green
Biologist

Enclosures



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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March 10, 1995

Dear Landowner:

The US Environmental Protection Agency, in cooperation with the States of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, is conducting an environmental assessment of streams within these states. One hundred and ninety-nine sites have been randomly selected for sampling for the Spring and Summer of 1995. Water quality chemistry, aquatic life and habitat will be evaluated at each site. The monitoring information collected will enable the agencies involved to statistically determine the status of stream conditions in the assessment area. Such assessments, conducted over several years, will also enable us to evaluate environmental trends. The findings of the study are not intended for specific enforcement purposes.

One of the sampling sites selected is located on your property or property adjacent to yours. We are contacting you prior to the site visit to obtain permission to access the sampling site. We have enclosed a copy of a topographic map(s) with the site(s) identified by an "X" at the specific point on the stream to be sampled. All members of the field crews are environmentally conscious and will not damage the property in any way.

Please return the completed Access Permission Form in the enclosed envelope by April 10, 1995. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Jim Green (304/234-0243) or me (304/234-0245).

Sincerely,

Ronald Preston
Biological Science Coordinator

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