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Easement Tract A in the Northwest One-quarter (Tract A in NW1/4) of Section Five (5) Township One-hundred Fifteen (115) North, Range Forty-eight (48) West of the 5th Principal Meridian with the easement areas consisting of 58.675 acres more or less.

- II. COVENANTS BY THE LOOWNER.
- A. No dwellings, barns, outbuildings or other structures shall be built within the easement area.
- B. The vegetation or hydrology of the described easement area will not be altered in any way or by any means or activity on the property conveyed by this deed, or property owned by or under the control of the landowner, including: (1) cutting or mowing; (2) cultivation; (3) harvesting wood products; (4) burning; (5) placing of refuse, wastes, sewage, or other debris; (6) draining, dredging, channeling, filling, discing, pumping, diking, impounding and related activities; or (7) diverting or affecting the natural flow of surface or underground waters into, within, or out of the easement area.
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- H. The easement manager shall be the agent of the United States or its successors or assigns. The easement manager shall have all discretionary powers of the United States under this easement. In the performance of any rights of the easement manager under this easement, the easement manager may permit, contract or otherwise provide for action by employees, agents, or assigns which may include the landowner.

Date: \_August 26, 1994

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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(Title)Acting State Director Farmers Home Administration

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE SOUTH DAKOTA	
COUNTY BEADLE	ss:
On this <u>26th</u> day of <u>August</u> Public, in and for the abov	, before me the subscriber, a Notary re County and State, appeared Thomas J. Kostel , known to me to be the Acting
State Director	Farmers Home Administration, United States
Department of Agriculture, instrument and acknowledged	the person who executed the foregoing to me that he/she executed the same as of the United States of America, for the uses
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have	hereunto set my hand and seal at the day and year aforesaid.
AEL G. MAO	Michael H. Madser (Notary Public)
A COLARY OF	My commission expires: March 4, 1999

Business Address: Federal Building, Room 308 200 Fourth Street SW Huron, SD 57350-2477

# FARMERS HOME ADMINIST ... ION EXHIBIT "A"

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# Boundary of Easement Description Area Existing use line Wetlands covered by provisions of the easement Restored wetlands covered by provisions of the easement Floodplain covered by provisions of the easement Riparian covered by provisions of the easement Grassland covered by provisions of the easement Nonfunctional drainage facilities covered by provisions of the easement Cropland covered by provisions of the easement

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Fractional East One-half (Frl E1/2) of Section Three (3) Township One-hundred Fifteen (115) North, Range Fifty (50) West of the 5th Principal Meridian with the easement area delineated on Exhibit "A" Maps consisting of 23.6 acres more or less.

- II. COVENANTS BY THE LANDOWNER.
- A. No dwellings, barns, outbuildings or other structures shall be built within the easement area.
- B. The vegetation or hydrology of the described easement area will not be altered in any way or by any means or activity on the property conveyed by this deed, or property owned by or under the control of the landowner, including: (1) cultivation; (2) harvesting wood products; (3) burning; (4) placing of refuse, wastes, sewage, or other debris; (5) draining, dredging, channeling, filling, discing, pumping, diking, impounding and related activities; or (6) diverting or affecting the natural flow of surface or underground waters into, within, or out of the easement area. The landowner shall have the right to graze domestic livestock and harvest hay by cutting or mowing, in accordance with a management plan jointly developed and agreed to by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Soil Conservation Service (prior to the disposal of the property from inventory), provided:
  - (1) hay cutting or mowing is provided for in the management plan and is limited to once annually between July 15 and September 1 with the actual scheduled date set to ensure that there is adequate regrowth of vegetation to provide winter cover and early spring nesting cover;
  - (2) grazing is provided for in the management plan and does not exceed 25 percent Harvest Efficiency in any given year and ensures adequate regrowth of vegetation to provide winter cover and early spring nesting cover;
  - (3) the timing and intensity of hay cutting or mowing and of grazing shall provide for the protection and restoration of wetlands functions and values as the overriding easement purpose and the purpose of the management plan including the prohibition of both where woody vegetation is to be maintained or established; and, (4) any subsequent changes to the timing and intensity of hay cutting or mowing and of grazing provided for in the management plan at the (time of property disposal from inventory) shall require the joint approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the landowner.
- C. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph II-B above, the landowner shall be responsible for compliance with all federal, state and local laws for the control of noxious or other undesirable plants on the easement area. The responsibility for such plant control may be assumed in writing by and at the option of the easement manager either where the control or manipulation of such plants is deemed by the easement manager to affect easement management programs or policies.

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- C. The right to establish or re-establish vegetation through seedings, plantings, or natural succession.
- D. The right to manipulate vegetation, topography and hydrology on the easement area through diking, pumping, water management, excavating, island construction, burning, cutting, pesticide application, fertilizing, and other appropriate practices.
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- H. The easement manager shall be the agent of the United States or its successors or assigns. The easement manager shall have all discretionary powers of the United States under this easement. In the performance of any rights of the easement manager under this easement, the easement manager may permit, contract or otherwise provide for action by employees, agents, or assigns which may include the landowner.
- I. Any subsequent amendment to or change in the timing and intensity of (hay cutting or mowing) and (grazing) on the easement area after the date of this conveyance shall require the approval of both the easement manager and the landowner.

Date: August 30, 1995

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DALLAS TONSAGER
(Title) Acting State Director
Rural Economic and Community Development, United States Department of Agriculture on behalf of the Farmers Home Administration, its successor or assigns

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

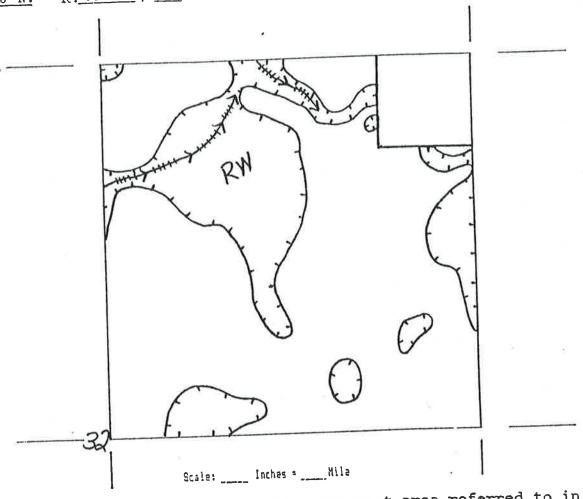
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	
COUNTY OF BEADLE	
On this 30th day of August, 1995, before Public, in and for the above County and Dallas Tonsager, known to Acting State Director, Rural Economic United States Department of Agriculture, foregoing instrument and acknowledged to as his/her free act and deed of the Unit uses and purposes herein mentioned.	State, appeared co me to be the co and Community Development, the person who executed the community becaused the community because the same of the community because the same community because the
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  Huron, South Dakota the day	

Business Address: Federal Building, Room 308 200 Fourth Street SW Huron, SD 57350-2477

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CONSERVATION EASEMENT AREA Deuel COUNTY, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
T. 116 N. R. 48 N., 5th PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN SECTION(X) 32



This map delineates the conservation easement area referred to in the easement conveyance dated August 26, 1994

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Exhibit B

EXHIBIT "A"

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## FMHA EASEMENT GRAZING/HAYING PLAN

#### GRAZING

Grazing on an annual basis is not to exceed 25% Harvest Efficiency in any given year on wetlands covered under the B easement located in the NE1/4 Except the NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, SE1/4, Section 32, Township 116 N., Range 48 W. and NW1/4 Section 5, Township 115 N., Range 48 W., Deuel County, South Dakota (see attached map). This will ensure adequate regrowth of vegetation to provide winter cover and early spring nesting cover.

#### HAYING

On the above described property, haying is allowed once annually after August 1. A minimum of 3 inches of stubble must remain after completion of the haying operation to ensure adequate regrowth of vegetation to provide winter cover and early spring regrowth.

GRAZING AND HAYING DURING THE SAME GROWING SEASON WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

Fish and Wildlife Service Date

Soil Conservation Service

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DALLAS TONEAGER

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}ss:
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On this 30th day of August, 1995, before me the subscriber, a Notary Public, in and for the above County and State, appeared  Dallas Tonsager, known to me to be the  Acting State Director, Rural Economic and Community Development, United States Department of Agriculture, the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed of the United States of America, for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at  Huron, South Dakota the day and year aforesaid.  Ellens Caspons  (Notary Public)
My commission expires: $6-27-97$

(Seal)

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- A. No dwellings, barns, outbuildings or other structures shall be built within the easement area, unless permitted by the easement manager.
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- C. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph II-B above, the landowner shall be responsible for compliance with all federal, state and local laws for the control of noxious or other undesirable plants on the easement area. The responsibility for such plant control may be assumed in writing by the easement manager where the control or manipulation of such plants is deemed by the easement manager to affect easement management programs or policies.
- III. RIGHTS RESERVED IN THE UNITED STATES.

The United States, on behalf of itself, its successors or assigns, reserves and retains the right, at its sole discretion, to manage the easement area including the following authorities:

- A. The right of reasonable ingress and egress on and across the property conveyed by this deed as of the date of this instrument, whether or not adjacent or appurtenant to the easement area, for access to the easement area in order to conduct floodplain management, monitoring, and easement enforcement activities. The easement manager may utilize vehicles and other reasonable modes of transportation for access purposes overland or on any right of way described in paragraph I. In the event that the use of the described access right of way over the property conveyed by this deed is not practical for any reason, the easement manager may utilize any convenient route of access to the easement area over said property. With the concurrence of the easement manager, the landowner may provide a designated route for such access to and from the easement area so that damage to farm operations can be reasonably avoided.
- B. The right to conduct predator management activities.
- IV. EASEMENT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.
- A. All right, title and interests of the United States in this easement are assigned to the Secretary of the Interior for administration by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, 16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may enforce all the terms and conditions of this easement, along with exercising all rights and powers reserved in this easement through such general or specific regulations or orders as have been or may be, from time to time, promulgated under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior. Notwithstanding the above rights in paragraph III retained by the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may permit the landowner to pursue such activities on said sites as would be consistent with the preservation and enhancement of floodplain functional values.

- B. As used in this ea ment, the term "easement 1 ager" shall refer to the authorized official of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- V. GENERAL PROVISIONS.
- A. The agreed upon purposes of this reservation are the protection and restoration of the wetland areas existing as of the date of this conveyance as well as protection and enhancement of plant and animal habitat and populations. A "wetland" is defined and determined by the Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in accordance with Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.). Any ambiguities in this easement shall be construed in a manner which best effectuates wetland protection and restoration and fish and wildlife purposes.
  - B. Any subsequent amendment to or repeal of any federal law or regulations which authorizes this reservation shall not affect the rights reserved by the United States or subsequently held by its successors or assigns.
  - C. For purposes of this easement, wetland management rights reserved by the United States include, but are not limited to, inspection for compliance with the terms of this easement; research regarding water, wetlands, fish and wildlife and associated ecology; and any other activity consistent with the preservation and enhancement of wetland functional values.
  - D. The United States, its successors and assigns, including the easement manager, shall have the right to make surveys, take photographs and prepare such other documentation as may be necessary or desirable to administer the provisions of this easement. Any such map, plat or other suitable document may be recorded in the land records of the respective county in which the property is located.
  - E. The easement reservation does not authorize public entry upon or use of land.fd
  - F. The landowner and invitees may hunt and fish on the easement area in accordance with all federal, state, and local game and fishery regulations.
  - G. This easement shall be binding on the landowner, and the landowner's heirs, successors or assigns. The landowner covenants to warrant and defend unto the United States, its successors or assigns, the quiet and peaceable use and enjoyment of the land and interests in the land constituting this reservation against all claims and demands.
  - H. The easement manager shall be the agent of the United States or its successors or assigns. The easement manager shall have all discretionary powers of the United States under this easement. In the performance of any rights of the easement manager under this easement, the easement manager may permit, contract or otherwise provide for action by employees, agents, or assigns which may include the landowner.

Date:	August	26,	1994

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(Title) Acting State Director
Farmers Home Administration

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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STATE SOUTH DAKOTA
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COUNTY BEADLE
On this <u>26th</u> day of <u>August</u> , before me the subscriber, a Notary Public, in and for the above County and State, appeared <u>Thomas J. Kostel</u> , known to me to be the <u>Acting</u>
State Director , Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed of the United States of America, for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at
Huron, South Dakota the day and year aforesaid.  Millad M. Malser  (Notary Public)
ASI LOCAL LABORATOR

My commission expires: March 4, 1999

Business Address: Federal Building, Room 308 200 Fourth Street SW

Huron, SD 57350-2477

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# CONSERVATION EASEMENT RESERVATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES Exhibit E-Cop

By this instrument there is reserved in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, its successors and assigns, a perpetual conservation easement on the property conveyed by this deed.

This easement is under the authority and in furtherance of the provisions of federal law, including sections 331 and 335 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1981 and 1985) as amended and the Memorandum of Understanding between Farmers Home Administration and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service dated May 1, 1987. The restrictions and covenants contained in this easement constitute a perpetual servitude on and run with the property. The Grantee and all successors and assigns ("landowner") under this deed covenant with the United States to do or refrain from doing, severally and collectively, the various acts mentioned later in this easement. The United States is reserved the rights enumerated in this easement for itself and its successors, agents and assigns.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE EASEMENT AREA.

The area subject to this Conservation Easement, referred to herein as the "Easement Area" is located within the following described legal subdivision in Deuel County, State of South Dakota. The easement boundaries are further delineated on the map(s) attached hereto identified as Exhibit "A".

Northeast One-quarter (NE1/4), except the Exhibit B Easement wetland consisting of 20.5 acres more or less and less the Exhibit C Easement wetland consisting of 13.8 acres more or less of Section Three (3) Township One-hundred Fifteen (115) North, Range Fifty (50) West of the 5th Principal Meridian.

## II. COVENANTS BY THE LANDOWNER.

- A. No dwellings, barns, outbuildings or other structures shall be built within the easement area unless prior approval in writing is granted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The construction of fences needed for the purpose of livestock retention will be permitted within the easement area.
- B. The vegetation or hydrology of the described easement area will not be altered in any way or by any means or any activity on the property conveyed by this deed, or property owned by or under the control of the landowner, including: (1) placing of refuse, wastes, sewage, or other debris; (2) draining, dredging, channeling, filling, pumping, diking, impounding and related activities; or (3) diverting or affecting the natural flow of surface or underground waters into, within, or out of the easement area.
- C. No alteration of grassland, wildlife habitat or other natural features, and no agricultural crop production upon the habitat areas delineated on Exhibit "A" Map(s), unless prior approval in writing is granted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The landowner shall have the right to continue grazing and haying practices in the easement area without further degradation of the vegetation or hydrology of the aforesaid lands.
- D. Existing cropland areas delineated on the Exhibit "A" Map(s) can be maintained in a manner consistent with normal farming practices such as grazing, haying, cultivating, cropping, and that the utilization of the subject lands is in a customary practice so as not to degrade hydrology of the aforesaid lands.
- E. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph II-B above, the landowner shall be responsible for compliance with all federal, state and local laws for the control of noxious weeds or other undesirable plants on the easement area.
- III. RIGHTS RESERVED IN THE UNITED STATES.

The United States, on behalf of itself, its successors or assigns, reserves and retains the right, at its sole discretion, to manage the easement area including the following authorities:

A. The right of reasonable ingress and egress on and across the property conveyed by this deed as of the date of this instrument, whether or not adjacent or appurtenant to the easement area, for access to the easement area in order to conduct upland management, monitoring, and easement enforcement activities. The easement manager may utilize vehicles and other reasonable modes of transportation for access purposes overland or on any right of way described in paragraph I. In the event that the use of the described access right of way over the property conveyed by this deed is not practical for any reason, the easement manager may utilize any convenient route of access to the easement area over said property. With the concurrence of the easement manager, the landowner may provide a designated route for such access to and from the easement area so that damage to farm operations can be reasonably avoided.

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- B. As used in this easement, the term "easement manager" shall refer to the authorized official of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### V. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- A. The agreed upon purposes of this reservation are the protection and maintenance of the upland area existing as of the date of this conveyance as well as protection and enhancement of plant and animal habitat and populations. Any ambiguities in this easement shall be construed in a manner which best effectuates plant preservation and wildlife purposes.
- B. Any subsequent amendment to or repeal of any federal law order, or regulations which authorizes this reservation shall not affect the rights reserved by the United States or subsequently held by its successors or assigns.
- C. For purposes of this easement, upland management rights reserved by the United States include, but are not limited to, inspection for compliance with the terms of this easement; research regarding wildlife and associated ecology; and any other activity consistent with the preservation and enhancement of upland values.
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Date: August 30, 1995

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DALLAS TONSAGER

(Title) Acting State Director
Rural Economic and Community
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Department of Agriculture on
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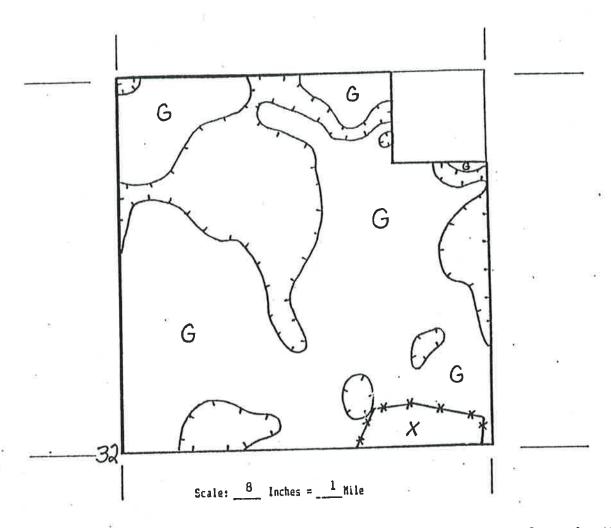
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BEADLE
On this 30th day of August, 1995, before me the subscriber, a Notary Public, in and for the above County and State, appeared  Dallas Tonsager, known to me to be the  Acting State Director, Rural Economic and Community Development, United States Department of Agriculture, the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed of the United States of America, for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at  Huron, South Dakota the day and year aforesaid.  Elland Caspars  (Notary Public)
(Seal) My commission expires: $6-27-97$

Business Address: Federal Building, Room 308 200 Fourth Street SW Huron, SD 57350-2477

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CONSERVATION EASEMENT AREA Deuel COUNTY, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA T. 116 N. R. 48 W., 5 th PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN SECTION(S) 32



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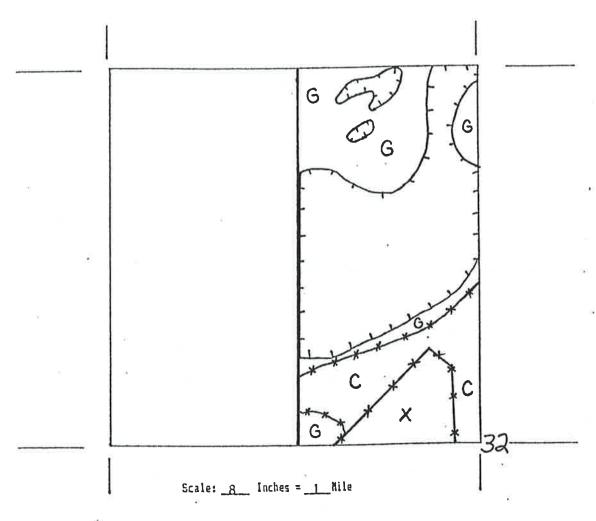
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