

**South
West
Weed
Management
Area**



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Dear Landowner along the Republican River,

This letter is to inform you of an endeavor to control vegetation within the Republican River streambed. Governor Heineman recently signed a bill called LB 701. This Bill has emergency funding that will be earmarked for spraying and mechanical weed control within the river banks of the river. The South West Weed Management Area (SWWMA) committee is in the process of obtaining these funds and developing a plan of work to control vegetation.

We have a great challenge ahead and need your help in order to succeed. Receiving this grant would be a colossal opportunity to remove the vegetation within the streambed. Currently the situation is a manageable problem that could easily turn into an unmanageable one if we don't do something about it now.

We invite you as a landowner and/or your tenant to join the SWWMA and attend the upcoming informational meeting(s) that will be held at the following locations. You may attend any meeting that fits your schedule:

July 16, 2007- Benkelman, Jury Room Dundy County Courthouse, 7:30 PM
July 18, 2006-Trenton, Hitchcock County Courthouse, 7:30 PM
July 23, 2007-McCook, Bureau of Reclamation, 7:30 PM
July 25, 2007-Arapahoe, Ella Missing Center, 7:30

Please inform your tenant of the meeting as well. We 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 appreciate your willingness to help us with this endeavor. Thank you for your consideration of our request and if you have further questions, please feel free to contact Southwest Nebraska RC&D office in Cambridge at the above number.

Sincerely,

Rick Hedke, President
South West Weed Management Area

