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CSP Job Sheet H-11

HABITAT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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LOWER BIG BLUE AND LOWER LITTLE BLUE WATERSHEDS IN NEBRASKA

Name: _____

Provide seasonal wetlands (vernal pools) for aquatic habitat

Payment = \$25.00 / acre / year for each acre containing a seasonal wetland (vernal pool) – either existing or constructed. Payment applies for each year the vernal pool is present and maintained. A maximum of four acres is allowed.

The intent of this enhancement is to provide seasonal wetlands for use by amphibians and reptiles including frogs, toads, turtles, salamanders and others to complete their life requisites for reproduction, feeding, etc. Other benefits include providing a water source for other wildlife species and aquatic insect production which are a food source for various song birds including swallows and swifts. These areas are also important to waterfowl and shorebirds.

This enhancement requires that each vernal pool be between 100 square feet and ¼ acre in size (if newly constructed) and have a 30 foot vegetative buffer around it. There is no maximum size on naturally occurring seasonal wetlands. It must also be designed to pond water a minimum of 30 days during the growing season and contain woody debris (e.g. logs) to provide necessary habitat components for aquatic species.

Documentation Required: Use the following table for documentation and attach a plan map showing the location of the seasonal wetlands. An example is provided. (It may be possible for naturally occurring wetlands to be larger than one acre as noted in the second example.)

Tract & Field #s	Number of Acres Containing a Seasonal Wetland	Number of Seasonal Wetlands	C = Constructed N = Natural
T 370 - 1	3	3	C
T 370 - 4	4	1	N

Example

