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Area High School Students Prepare for Upcoming Environmental Contest

Curtis –Twenty three area schools are being invited to compete in this year’s Mid Plains Regional Envirothon scheduled for Wednesday, February 25th at the Nebraska College for Technical Agriculture in Curtis. The Mid-Plains Region includes 16 counties from Cherry County south to Dundy, Hitchcock and Red Willow Counties.

The Envirothon is a program for 9th-12th grade students to learn more about our natural environment. Teams may be composed of FFA students, science students, 4-H members, or any student interested in natural resources. The contest tests students’ knowledge on subjects such as soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, range, environmental policy, and one special topic of national interest. This year’s special topic is “Biodiversity”. In order to qualify for the Nebraska Envirothon Contest, 5-member teams must first compete at a regional contest. The winning teams from each regional, plus eight wildcard teams, are invited to the Nebraska State Envirothon Competition to be held May 2nd at Ponca State Park this year. Winners of the State competition will advance to the Canon Envirothon August 2 - August 8 at the University of North Carolina Asheville, North Carolina.

Last year, 5 schools and 6 teams participated in the Mid-Plains Regional Envirothon. Wauneta-Palisade went on to the State competition and finally to Nationals held in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Onsite Registration for the 2009 Mid-Plains Regional Envirothon will begin at 8:45 AM Central Time. Teachers must pre-register with the MRNRD ahead of time by calling (800) 873-5613 or

going to our website www.mrnrd.org/education.html and clicking on the Envirothon heading or returning the registration forms that are being mailed to them.

Sponsors for the Envirothon program are: Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska Forest Service, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Society for Range Management, University of Nebraska IANR, Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

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