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Middle Republican Natural Resources District

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NeRAIN Participation High, but Volunteers Still Needed

Curtis – For over a year now, volunteers in the Middle Republican Natural Resources District have been participating in **NeRAIN** (*Nebraska Rainfall Assessment and Information Network*). **NeRAIN** is a special project designed to include volunteers in a study of the fascinating and very complex patterns of rain, hail and snow from our weather here in Nebraska. Many volunteers are needed in order to accurately measure and describe rainfall, and snowfall patterns and hail swaths across our state. The goal of the project is to get rain watchers in each township.

The Middle Republican Natural Resources District currently has 51 active NeRAIN stations. Kara Gall, NeRAIN coordinator for the district, reports that reporting rates are high throughout the district. “We have about 50 stations scattered throughout the district, and most of them average a 90% or higher reporting rate. We’ve established a strong core of weather watchers in our District. Now we need to focus on finding enthusiastic volunteers in our remaining townships.”

Volunteers are needed in the townships in the following counties:

Hitchcock: Blackwood, Eden, Starkey, Grant, Stratton, Freedom, Upper Driftwood, Cornell, and Driftwood

Hayes: Fairfield, Concord, Antelope, High Ridge, Government W, Germanville, Swan Lake, Thornburg, Hamlet E, Hopewell, Blackwood, and Highland

Red Willow: Coleman, Box Elder, Fritsch, Alliance, East Valley, Missouri Ridge, Valley Grange, Grant, and Danbury

Frontier: Laird W, Moorefield, Russell, Plum Creek, Clearwater, Horrell, Sheridan, Laws, Weaver, Zimmer, Lincoln, North Star, Sherman, Orafino, Earl, Muddy, Allen, Osborn, Harrison, Garfield, Grant

Lincoln: T11-R33, T11-R32, T11-R31, T11-R30, T11-R29, T11-R28, T10-R34, T10-R33, T10-R32, T10-R31, T10-R27, T9-R34, T9-R32, T9-R31, T9-R30, T9-R29, T9-R27, T9-R26

If you live in one of the above townships, and have Internet access – all reporting is done on the web – contact the Middle Republican NRD office in Curtis at (800) 873-5613 if you are interested in participating.

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