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KRVN Resource Report**

**I'm Heather Francis of the Upper Republican Natural Resources District in Imperial, Nebraska and this is the Natural Resources Report.**

**Have you ever wondered what NRD is an abbreviation for? In 1972 over one hundred agencies and organizations were combined into twenty-three NRDs or Natural Resources Districts. The boundaries of the NRDs are formed from the natural boundaries of the river watersheds of Nebraska.**

**The NRDs were formed as a local government system providing a local voice to the citizens of Nebraska for the management of our water supplies and other natural resources. The NRDs are local people who know the local situation solving local problems by implementing practical solutions that work in the local setting, eliminating the failures that would be associated with a one size fits all approach for the many different water supplies and natural resources of our State.**

**What have the NRDs done for you lately? Did terraces and dams hold back the water when you had a recent heavy rain event? Have you noticed more wildlife habitat areas and windbreaks as you are driving the country roads to go home? Have you had your domestic or livestock water well tested for nitrate and coliform bacteria levels? The NRDs have many programs protecting property from natural disasters and protecting the future of our water resources, while at the same time protecting the economies in our state that rely on our valuable resources.**

**Local control of local resources is still the best policy. Local government means having a local voice. The NRDs are working diligently to protect lives by providing water sampling for drinking water, protecting property by supporting the removal of invasive species in Nebraska rivers, and protecting the future by educating our children to become aware of conservation of our natural resources.**

**Thank you for listening. This is Heather Francis keeping you informed about your natural resources. Protecting Lives, Protecting Property and Protecting the Future.**