ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 Great Plains-CESU Graduate Student Award

It is our pleasure to announce the first annual Great Plains-CESU Graduate Student Award. This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by graduate students involved in Great Plains-CESU projects.

AWARD
The winner of the award will be presented at the 2017 Great Plains-CESU meeting in February. The awardee will have the opportunity to give a presentation of the project they worked on. The awardee will also receive a letter of recognition from the Great Plains-CESU Director.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS
All nominations are reviewed and evaluated by Great Plains-CESU Director, Larkin Powell. A $250 travel reimbursement will be provided to the awardee by the Great Plains-CESU to fund their travel to the 2017 annual meeting at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference held in Lincoln, NE. The deadline for nominations is November 18, 2016.

To learn more about the award please visit the below link: http://gpcesu.unl.edu/opportunity/studentaward.asp

NGO PARTNER NEWS

The World Wildlife Fund Northern Great Plains Program has been tracking grassland habitat via a tool called the Plowprint. This essentially is an annual accounting, using USDA crop data, of what is in crop and what is left in grass and other habitats.

Please see the link below to view the Plowprint reports, one being technical and the other less-so: https://www.worldwildlife.org/projects/plowprint-report
CESU NETWORK NEWS

Joint CESU Annual Meeting at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference

The Great Plains, Great Rivers, and Great Lakes-Northern Forest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units will combine for an annual meeting of their federal and non-federal partners at the 77th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska in February 2017. CESU Annual Meetings provide an opportunity for networking between federal partners who need research and training expertise with the non-federal partners who are interested in projects with the federal agencies. We hope to have many representatives from the 20 federal agencies associated with the three CESU’s, and any faculty or staff affiliated with partner universities are encouraged to attend as well. We have partnered with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference to give you more ‘bang for your buck’ for travel expenses. The Annual Meeting will take place in the Cornhusker Hotel on Monday, February 6, from 3-5pm.

Come meet your CESU hosts and talk about potential opportunities for research and training with other partners. Some snacks will be provided!

To learn more about the annual meeting, please visit our website: http://gpcesu.unl.edu/

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Please check our website for a complete list of current Statements of Interest (SOI).

Federal Partners: Advertise a project to our Academic and NGO Partners by sending a Request for Statements of Interest to Kat Krutak-Bickert at kbickert2@unl.edu

Reminder: As we begin FY2017 we remind our partners to complete any new CESU Cooperative Agreements, Task Agreements or modifications to existing agreements as soon as you have all the necessary information. The more we accomplish early in the FY helps minimize excessive work loads for all of us at the end of the fiscal year.