ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Great Plains CESU would like to welcome two new members

The University of Wisconsin Extension
&
The Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

The University of Wisconsin-Extension (UW-EX) is a USDA Land-Grant institution, and for more than 100 years, UW-EX has focused on helping people understand, interpret and implement the results of agricultural, natural resources and family/youth social sciences research. UW-EX is one of 27 institutions within the University of Wisconsin Higher Education System, which consist of 13 four-year universities, 13 freshman-sophomore UW Colleges campuses, and Statewide UW-EX.

The Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) represents 19 states, 3 Canadian provinces and 1 territory. WAFWA represents an area covering nearly 3.7 million square miles of some of North America’s wildest and most scenic areas. Founded in 1922 WAFWA was founded to help state fish and game officials in the West who felt the need to join together to solve a series of game management questions they had in common. WAFWA supports sound resource management and wildlife conservation and research of keystone species of the West through research and conservation of biodiversity from the deserts of the southwest to the alpine peaks of the north.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Please check our website for a complete list of current statements of interest.

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
SPOTLIGHT PROJECTS

**Project Title:** Visitor Survey Project Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site  
**Federal Agency:** NPS  
**Academic Institution:** Kansas State University  
**NPS Project Manager:** Justin Sochacki  
**Principal Investigator:** Ryan L. Sharp  
**Student:** Brooke Mechels, Park Management

**Project Summary:** The purpose of this project is to conduct an in-depth survey of visitors at Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas to elicit an understanding of visitation demographics and economic impact from visitation at this site. Collaborate with park staff to conduct scoping session with community stakeholders and develop survey questions; submit survey questions for review by OMB; lead the distribution and collection of the survey (on-site and mail); and analyze survey data. Tabulate, analyze, and summarize visitor demographics; complete economic impact analysis of visitor spending in the local community; and produce final report for public distribution.

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**Project Title:** Assess Conditions of Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Upland Prairie Stream Reaches  
**Federal Agency:** NPS  
**Academic Institution:** Kansas State University  
**NPS Project Manager:** Kristen Hase  
**Principal Investigator:** Keith Gido  
**Student(s):** Sky Hedden, Lindsey Bruckerhoff, and Elizabeth Renner, Fish Ecology

**Project Summary:** Consolidate existing stream geomorphology and habitat data, collect additional field data, and analyze data to define stream type and condition and propose future research options and potential management implications related to native stream communities, livestock grazing, and climate change.

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*If you have updates & would like to be included in our next issue, please send information to Kat Krutak-Bickert at kbickert2@unl.edu*