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Conservation Agencies Conduct Prescribed Burn at Lake Seldom

Holdrege residents should pay attention to the regrowth of vegetation at Lake Seldom Wildlife Refuge south of Holdrege following a prescribed burn that was held on Monday, April 27. Tri-Basin Natural Resources District conducted a prescribed burn of a portion of Lake Seldom with the assistance of staff from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District and several volunteers.

“Prescribed burning, if properly timed, is a good, natural grassland management tool that reduces the need for herbicide application to control weeds and invasive grasses,” said Charles Brooks, Tri-Basin NRD Land Resources Coordinator.

The primary purpose of the prescribed burn was to improve upland and wetland habitat by clearing the area of undesirable plants, such as reed canary grass. The burn will also set back non-native cool season grasses. This will allow more desirable plant species to fill in, providing better habitat for wildlife. The burn will be followed by disking of a portion of the wetland area by Ducks Unlimited.