



Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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Dr. Chuck Butterfield
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Dear Chuck,

On behalf of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission I wanted to take a moment to express our continued support of the Rangeland/Wildlife program. The partnership we have developed with Chadron State College (CSC) and the Rangeland/Wildlife program has been a great benefit to both entities and the many students involved. Some of the key values of this program and our partnership include:

- Providing rangeland and wildlife educational needs to western Nebraska
- Providing interaction with various state and federal agencies and conservation organizations.
- Incorporating hands-on learning activities such as bighorn sheep captures/immobilization, wildlife necropsies wildlife habitat and rangeland site inspections, prescribed burning, wildlife and vegetation identification, wildlife area management plan development, and big game check stations, etc...
- Providing volunteer, employment and internship opportunities for many students.
- Providing student and faculty assistance to state and federal agency projects.

As you may know, many former and current CSC students in the Rangeland/Wildlife program now hold permanent and seasonal jobs in the rangeland/conservation related fields. The education they received at CSC and their interaction with resource professionals has strengthened their employment opportunities. I might also add that the Rangeland/Wildlife program has also provided advanced education opportunities for many resource professionals.

Over the last 10 years, the Rangeland/Wildlife program has grown into strong educational tool and we like to recognize that fact and also express our continued support for the program and CSC.

Sincerely,

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