

STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ORDER OF CANCELLATION IN PART OF WATER APPROPRIATION A-18797

WATER DIVISION 1-F

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-18797 is held by S & R Wilson Family Farms, LLC.
2. Appropriation A-18797, with a priority date of August 9, 2011, authorizes the use of water for irrigation of the 74.7 acres of land described below. The water may be diverted from the South Branch of Weeping Water Creek at a point of diversion in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 10 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. in Cass County. Water diverted shall not exceed the ratio of one cubic foot per second (cfs) for every 70 acres irrigated at a maximum rate of 1.07 cfs.

Township 10 North, Range 12 East of the 6 th P.M. in Cass County	Acres
Section 32: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	39.1
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>35.6</u>
TOTAL	74.7

3. The approval of appropriation A-18797 was conditional upon the irrigation of the above lands by September 1, 2014.
4. Department personnel performed a field investigation and determined a portion of the land approved for irrigation under appropriation A-18797 had not been irrigated by September 1, 2014.
5. *Nebraska Revised Statutes* § 46-229.02(7) provides for the cancellation of unused portions of surface water appropriations.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Part of appropriation A-18797 at the rate of 0.15 cfs for use upon the land described below is CANCELLED.

Township 10 North, Range 12 East of the 6 th P.M. in Cass County	Acres
Section 32: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	5.5
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>5.0</u>
TOTAL	10.5

2. Appropriation A-18797 now permits the appropriator to divert water from South Branch Weeping water Creek to irrigate the 64.2 acres of land described below and depicted on map number 19342 which is made a part of this Order. The water may be diverted from the South Branch of Weeping Water Creek and the point of diversion remains in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 10 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. in Cass County, as depicted on map number 19342. Water diverted shall not exceed the ratio of one cfs for every 64.2 acres irrigated at a maximum combined rate of 0.92 cfs (413 gallons per minute).

<u>Township 10 North, Range 12 East of the</u>		
<u>6th P.M. in Cass County</u>		<u>Acres</u>
Section 32:	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	33.6
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>30.6</u>
	TOTAL	64.2

3. All terms and conditions of appropriation A-18797 remain in effect unless specifically changed by this Order.
4. The appropriator must comply with all relevant statutes. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- A. Notify the Department of any change in ownership or address.
 - B. Notify the Department of the name and address of the person responsible for the use of the water appropriation (this may include farm managers, tenants, or relatives that actually apply the water to the approved use).
 - C. Obtain approval from the Department prior to taking any action that changes the location of the point of diversion, the location of the place of use, the type of use, or the type of appropriation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Failure to comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to surface water appropriations and any orders issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources may result in the cancellation of the appropriation, temporary closing of the appropriation, administrative penalty, criminal prosecution, or any combination thereof.

Nebraska law provides that failure to use a portion or all of a perfected appropriation for more than five consecutive years may result in cancellation of the appropriation.

This appropriation is not a guarantee that water will be available. Nebraska law gives priority to senior appropriations. This appropriation may be closed if there is insufficient water to satisfy senior appropriations. If you are not able to divert sufficient amounts of water, and there are junior appropriations upstream, you may call for water by contacting your local field office.

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October 16, 2015


Gordon W. Fassett, P.E., Director

A copy of this Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 19342 were provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the field investigation, this Order and map number 19342 were mailed on October 16, 2015, to the following:

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