## Amendment to Borth WPA Prescribed Fire Plan

#### Rationale:

The prescribed fire plan for Borth WPA was written in 2017. It went through the technical review, and approval process by the agency administrator. This unit has not been burned since the plan was written, technically reviewed, and approved. The plan was approved in 2018. At the time this plan was written, the Borth WPA was actively being restored back to prairie/native habitat. The prescribed fire plan unit boundary, at the time, did not include the northernmost 1/3 of the WPA, as that portion of the WPA was being actively farmed. In the time since the plan was written and approved, that northern 1/3 of the WPA has been restored into habitat and is no longer farmed. As such, it is one of the biological objectives to apply fire to the entire WPA, particularly the newly restored northern 1/3 part of the WPA, for the health of a newly seeded/restored prairie habitat. This amendment addresses a new unit boundary and additional resources required to execute the burn.

#### Element 4: Description of the Prescribed Fire Area modification:

As discussed in the rationale, the Borth WPA is under active management. The newly restored prairie/habitat adds 59 acres to the original plan for a total of 144 acres (which excludes large water bodies). In addition to the acreage increase, the perimeter boundary will change, and the total amount of perimeter on the Borth WPA is now 2.0 miles, with mow line all around the perimeter. The original plan only included mow line on the west, south, and east perimeter, as the north side of the unit didn't need any active holding because it was a tilled ag field.

Because of the additional holding needs due to the northern perimeter being bounded by a mow line rather than a tilled ag field, I have elected to augment the required resources as well. This amendment will formally document the required resources to include 11 personnel, instead of the original 10. The equipment required remains the same, 2 Type 6 engines, and 4 UTV's.

Other than 59 added acres and the addition of one person to the organization, the remainder of the burn plan is unchanged, and remains valid. This amendment will be sent to the agency administrator for signature and will be incorporated into the project file for documentation. The changes in acres, perimeter length, and required personnel will be documented on an updated version of the IAP.

### SIGNATURES for the Amendment to Chase Lake WPA, Unit 3 Prescribed Fire Plan

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Date:

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# Original, 2017 Borth WPA Unit Map



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0.4

0.2

0.05

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0.3







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Kulm WMD - Borth WPA - Project Map 144 Acres

