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**Grassland Reserve Program
Conservation Easement**

Easement No. 83-6215-10-010LY

This Conservation Easement Deed ("Deed"), made this 7TH day of MARCH, 2011, between Delvin L Berger and Ivan R. Berger, and their successors, heirs, and assigns, ("Grantor") and the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, by and through the Commodity Credit Corporation, ("Grantee" or "United States"). Grantor and the United States are jointly referred to as the "Parties." The acquiring agency of the United States is the Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS"), United States Department of Agriculture.

I. Recitals and Conservation Purposes

A. Grantor owns the property ("Property") located in Marshall County of Kansas and legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made part of this Deed.

B. The grassland, forb, shrubland, wildlife habitat, and other natural characteristics of the Property (collectively referred to as "Conservation Values") as well as its state of improvement, are described in a Baseline Inventory Report ("Report") prepared by Grantee with the cooperation of Grantor and attached hereto at Exhibit B. The Report describes the condition of the Property as of the date of this Deed. The Report may be used by Grantee to assure that any future changes in the use of the Property are consistent with the terms of this Deed. However, this Report is not intended to preclude the use of other evidence to establish the condition of the Property at the time this Deed is executed.

C. Grantor intends that the grazing uses and related Conservation Values of the Property are to be protected. To effectuate this conservation purpose, Grantor intends to convey to Grantee the right to restore and conserve the grazing uses and related Conservation Values of the Property.

D. Acquisition of this Deed is authorized by the Grassland Reserve Program ("GRP"), sections 1238N through 1238Q of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The easement rights in the above-described lands are being acquired for administration by the Secretary of Agriculture through NRCS for the purposes of protecting grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring, enhancing, and conserving grassland, shrubland, forbs and wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Two-Hundred Ninety-Seven dollars (\$33,297), Grantor hereby grants and conveys with general warranty of title, to the United States and its assigns, an easement in the Property, including development

rights and access to the Property, as defined herein. It is the intent of Grantor to convey and relinquish all development rights to Grantee for the purpose of protecting the Conservation Values identified herein. This Deed shall constitute a servitude upon the Property so encumbered, shall run with the land, and shall bind Grantor, its heirs, successors, assigns, lessees, and any other person claiming under them.

Subject, however, to any valid rights of record.

The term of this easement is perpetual.

II. Purposes

The purpose of this Deed to protect the grazing uses and related Conservation Values on the Property by conserving, restoring and enhancing grassland, shrubland, forbs, wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

III. Permitted, Prohibited, Restricted and Reserved Activities

A. Grassland Uses of the Property. Grantor is permitted to graze, hay, harvest for seed production, mow, construct fire breaks, conduct fire pre-suppression and rehabilitation activities, and conduct common grazing practices, including maintenance and necessary cultural practices, consistent with the provisions and conservation purposes of this Deed. As used in this Deed, the term "common grazing practices" means those practices customary to the region where the Property is located related to livestock grazing, and includes forage management and necessary cultural practices such as the infrastructure required to conduct livestock grazing on the Property.

Grantor shall not hay, mow or harvest for seed during certain nesting seasons for birds whose populations Grantee determines are in significant decline. Such determinations shall be made in writing to the Grantor, or set forth within the GRP Management Plan on the Property (see paragraph IV. A.). The GRP Management Plan will be maintained by NRCS following NRCS conservation planning procedures.

B. Quiet Enjoyment. Grantor reserves for itself and its invitees the right of quiet use and enjoyment and the right to convey or lease the Property and restrict public access.

C. Prohibited Acts. Grantor shall not perform, nor knowingly allow others to perform, any act, including those prohibited or restricted herein, that is inconsistent with the purposes of this Deed.

D. Crop Cultivation. Except for grazing uses permitted in paragraph III. A., the cultivation or production of crops, non-perennial forages for human or domestic animal consumption, or seed production is prohibited.

E. Non-Grassland Land Uses. The establishment of tree or shrub nurseries, fruit or nut producing trees, vineyards, tree farms or plantations, aquaculture ponds, or any activity that is inconsistent with maintaining grazing land, except as specifically permitted in this Deed or a restoration plan approved by NRCS, is prohibited.

F. Incidental Lands. Grantee may determine that the enrollment of certain incidental lands (including but not limited to ponds and woods) present on this Property at the time this Deed is executed and identified in the Report, may be necessary to facilitate the administration of the easement boundary. Grantor may utilize and maintain such incidental lands in a manner that is compatible with the purposes of this Deed, as determined by Grantee.

G. Topography. Altering the existing topography of the Property by digging, plowing, disking, or otherwise disturbing the surface is prohibited, unless Grantee determines such actions are necessary to restore and maintain the viability of grassland and related Conservation Values and provides Grantor, in advance and in writing, approval subject to the terms and conditions Grantee determines are necessary to ensure the protection of grazing uses and related Conservation Values, or unless otherwise specifically permitted by this Deed or the GRP Management Plan.

H. Waste. Dumping, collecting, recycling, or storing of trash, refuse, waste, sewage, or other debris is prohibited, except that animal waste may be applied on the Property as fertilizer as long as Grantee provides Grantor, in advance and in writing, approval subject to the terms and conditions Grantee determines are necessary to ensure the protection of the grazing uses and related Conservation Values.

I. Mining. The exploration, development, mining, or extraction of soil, sand, gravel, mineral, oil, gas, or any other hydrocarbon substance from the surface of the Property is prohibited. However, subsurface exploration and extraction of oil, gas, and minerals may be conducted utilizing techniques and methods that result in only a temporary disturbance to the surface of the soil, as determined by the Grantee, if Grantee also determines that such activities are consistent with conserving and maintaining the viability of grazing uses and related Conservation Values, and Grantee provides Grantor, in advance and in writing, approval subject to the terms and conditions Grantee determines are necessary to ensure the protection of these Conservation Values, including, but not limited to, requiring that all structures are located beneath the soil surface and that any disturbed surface is restored promptly to grassland. Subsurface extraction of gas, oil, and minerals may be conducted by off-site methods (such as slant drilling) that do not impact the surface of the Property. Any extraction permitted pursuant to this paragraph shall be conducted in compliance with Federal, State and local regulations and permits.

J. Construction of Buildings, Livestock Facilities or Other Structures. The repair, maintenance, or replacement of existing corrals, livestock holding pens, windmills, barns, or other minor structures, as identified in the Report, necessary to conduct common grazing practices on the Property, are permitted at the same location and within the existing footprint of such structures. Construction of new buildings, livestock facilities, or other structures necessary to conduct common grazing practices on the Property may be permitted on the Property, if Grantee determines that such activities are consistent with the purposes of this easement to conserve and maintain the grazing uses and related Conservation Values, and provides the Grantor, in advance and in writing, approval subject to the terms and conditions Grantee determines are necessary to ensure the protection of these Conservation Values.

K. Watering Facilities. Grantor may maintain existing watering facilities (i.e., water tanks,

troughs, and dugout ponds) for livestock or wildlife in their current location as identified in the Report. Grantor may construct or place on the Property new watering facilities for livestock and wildlife if Grantee determines that such facilities are consistent with conserving and maintaining the grazing uses and related Conservation Values, and Grantee provides the Grantor, in advance and in writing, approval subject to the terms and conditions Grantee determines are necessary to ensure the protection of these Conservation Values.

L. Fences. Existing fences may be repaired or replaced and new fences may be built on the Property for the purposes of managing livestock in a manner that is customary in the region where the Property is located and consistent with the purposes of this Deed.

M. Roads and Impervious Surfaces. No portion of the Property shall be paved or otherwise covered with concrete, asphalt, or any other impervious paving material, nor shall any road for access or other purposes be constructed. However, new roads necessary to conduct common grazing practices as permitted herein on the Property may be constructed with prior written approval of Grantee and subject to terms and conditions Grantee determines are necessary to maintain the viability of the grazing uses and related conservation values. Existing roads may be maintained and repaired in their current condition and within their existing footprint as identified in the Report. Maintenance and repair of existing roads shall not be construed to permit the paving of any existing road not already paved or otherwise covered in an impervious material.

N. Tree Cutting. Trees may be cut to control insects and disease, prevent personal injury and property damage, obtain firewood for personal use, and construct fences as permitted herein, with prior written approval of Grantee.

O. Recreational Uses. Undeveloped, passive, recreational uses, such as hiking, camping, bird watching, hunting, and fishing are permitted as long as such uses, as determined by Grantee, do not impair the grazing uses and other Conservation Values.

P. Motorized Vehicle Use. Motorized vehicle use on the Property is prohibited, except as necessary to carry out uses permitted herein on the Property. Off-road vehicle courses for snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, or other motorized vehicles are prohibited.

Q. Development Rights. The Property shall not be developed except as expressly permitted by this Deed. Subject to valid existing rights of record, all development rights associated with the Property are vested in Grantee. The Parties agree that these development rights are terminated and extinguished and may not be used on or transferred off of the Property to any other property or otherwise used.

R. Signs. Except for no trespassing signs, for sale signs, and signs identifying the owner of the Property, all other signs, advertisements, and billboards of any nature are prohibited. The permitted signs may not exceed 15 square feet in size. The Parties agree that the United States has the right to erect and maintain signs on the Property for the purpose of identifying this easement.

S. Exotic Species. The introduction, cultivation, or use of exotic plant or animal species is

prohibited on the Property without prior written approval of Grantee and subject to terms and conditions Grantee determines are necessary to ensure the protection of the grassland resources and related Conservation Values referenced in this Deed.

T. Subdivision. The division, partition or subdivision of the Property is generally prohibited. However, Grantee may approve the division of the Property for reasons which Grantee determines, in its sole discretion, are sufficiently extraordinary to justify an exception to the prohibition. The terms of this Deed shall apply to any approved, subdivided parcels.

U. Utilities. The installation or relocation of new public or private utilities, including electric, telephone, or other communications services over the Property, is prohibited, except as provided in this provision. Existing utilities on the Property may be maintained, repaired, removed, or replaced at their current location as identified in the Report. The installation, repair, and maintenance of new underground utilities such as electric, gas, water, sewer lines, or other utilities may be permitted on the Property if Grantee determines that such activities will result in only a temporary disturbance and are consistent with conserving and maintaining the grazing uses and related Conservation Values, and provides Grantor, in advance and in writing, approval subject to terms and conditions Grantee determines are necessary. The construction or installation of wind, solar and other energy generation structures on the Property are permitted only when the Grantee determines, in its sole discretion, in advance and in writing, that such structures are consistent with conserving and maintaining the grazing uses and related Conservation Values.

V. Rights of Way. Rights-of-way are prohibited over, on, or below the Property, except the conveyance of rights-of-way by Grantor may be permitted under limited circumstances in the sole discretion of Grantee when Grantee determines that such a proposed action is consistent with the purposes of this Deed. Any permission granted under this provision must be in advance and in writing and may stipulate conditions in order to ensure protection of the grazing uses and related Conservation Values.

W. Water Rights. Grantor shall retain the right to use the water rights described in Exhibit C for the present and future use on the Property, as well as all wells, ditches, canals, headgates, springs, reservoirs, water allotments, and water rights of ways associated with the Property and identified in the Baseline Inventory Report. With the prior written approval of Grantee, Grantor may transfer, lease, sell, or otherwise separate a portion of those water rights from the Property that the Grantee determines are not necessary to ensure the function of the grazing operation and the protection of the grazing uses and related Conservation Values.

X. Restoration. In furthering the conservation purposes of this Deed, Grantor may restore grasses, forbs, and shrubs on the Property if approved in advance and in writing by Grantee. In addition, Grantee shall have the right to enter the Property to undertake, at its own expense or on a cost-share basis with Grantor or other entity, activities to restore, protect, manage, maintain, enhance, and monitor the grazing uses and related Conservation Values.

IV. Affirmative Duties: Planning Requirements

A. GRP Management Plan. The Parties agree that good resource management and land stewardship is important for present and future generations, for the protection and enhancement of grasses and other native and desirable, non-native vegetation on the Property, and in furtherance of its Conservation Values. Grantor agrees to implement a GRP Management Plan on the Property developed and approved by Grantor and NRCS, which describes the practices, measures, and other conditions necessary for restoring and maintaining the viability of grazing uses and related conservation values. Subsequent to recording of this Deed, the GRP Management Plan will be revised when necessary, as determined by NRCS or Grantor, to reflect any changes in the use of the Property that affect the viability of the grassland or other conservation values. The revised GRP Management Plan shall be developed and approved by Grantor and NRCS. The GRP Management Plan shall not include any provisions inconsistent with the purposes of this Deed.

B. Pest and Weed Control. Grantor is responsible for control of noxious weeds and pests according to Federal and State law.

V. Enforcement and Transfer

A. Enforcement.

1. Grantee has the right to prevent, correct, or require correction of violations of the terms of this Deed. Upon notification to the Grantor, Grantee or Grantee's agents may enter the Property to inspect for violations, including, but not limited to, assessing compliance with the GRP Management Plan or other plan described in Section IV above. However, notification by Grantee prior to entry is not required when the Grantee believes there may be a violation of the terms of this Deed. If Grantee finds a violation, Grantee may at its discretion take appropriate legal action in law or equity. Upon discovery of a violation, Grantee shall notify Grantor in writing of the violation. Except when an on going or imminent violation could, as determined by Grantee, seriously impair the conservation values of the Property, Grantee shall give Grantor written notice of the violation and 30 days to correct it before filing any legal action.
2. If Grantor fails to cure the violation within 30 days after receipt of a notice of violation, Grantee may bring an action in court to enforce the terms of this Deed, to enjoin the violation, and to require restoration of the Property to the condition that existed prior to any such injury. Where a court finds that a violation has occurred, Grantor shall reimburse Grantee for all its expenses incurred in halting and correcting the violation, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees.
3. Any delay by Grantee in exercising its rights under this Deed in the event of any violation of its terms by Grantor shall not be deemed a waiver by Grantee of such rights with respect to that violation. Moreover, any failure by Grantee to discover a violation of this Deed, or forbearance by Grantee in exercising its rights under this Deed in the event of any violation of its terms by Grantor, shall not be deemed a waiver by Grantee of such

rights with respect to any subsequent violation.

B. Transfer of Easement Ownership. Upon prior written consent from Grantor, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture ("Secretary") may transfer this easement to an Easement Holder, subject to the right to inspect the Property periodically and the terms set forth below. The Easement Holder must be a State agency, local government, Indian tribe or private conservation or land trust organization which, at the time of transfer, is a qualified organization under 16 U.S.C. 3838q that the Secretary determines has the appropriate authority, expertise, and relevant experience necessary to administer an easement on grassland, and resources necessary to assume title ownership to this easement.

1. In the event that the Easement Holder fails to enforce the terms of this easement, as determined in the discretion of the Secretary, the Secretary, his or her successors and assigns, shall have the right to enforce the terms of this easement through any and all authorities available under Federal or State law.
2. The Easement Holder may only transfer this easement to another qualified public or private entity as provided for under 16 U.S.C. 3838q(b) as that statute reads on the day that this Deed is executed, and the Grantor consents to the transfer.
3. Should this easement be transferred pursuant to this provision, all warranties and indemnifications provided for in this Deed shall continue to apply to the United States. Subsequent to the transfer of this easement, the Easement Holder shall be responsible for conservation planning and implementation, and will adhere to the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide for maintaining the viability of grazing uses and related Conservation Values.
4. Due to the Federal interest in this Deed, this Deed cannot be subject to condemnation without the permission of the United States.

VI. General Terms

A. Access. No public access is conveyed by this Deed. Grantor maintains the right and obligation to prevent trespass and control access by the public pursuant to Federal and State law, provided that Grantee has the right of ingress and egress to the Property over Grantor's property, whether or not Grantor's property is adjacent to or appurtenant to the Property, for the exercise of Grantee's rights under this Deed. The authorized representatives of Grantee may utilize vehicles and other reasonable modes of transportation for access purposes.

B. Responsibilities of Grantor and Grantee Not Affected. Other than as specified herein, this Deed is not intended to impose any legal or other responsibility on Grantee, or in any way affect any existing obligations of Grantor as the owner of the Property. For example:

1. **Taxes.** Grantor shall continue to be solely responsible for payment of all taxes and assessments levied against the Property.

2. Upkeep and Maintenance. Grantor shall continue to be solely responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Property.

C. Rights Acquired. The property rights of the United States acquired under this Deed shall be unaffected by any subsequent amendments to or repeal of the Grassland Reserve Program. If Grantor receives consideration for this easement in installments, the Parties agree that the conveyance of this easement shall be effective upon payment of the first installment.

D. Subsequent Conveyances. Grantor agrees to notify Grantee in writing of the names and addresses of any party to whom the Property is to be transferred at or prior to the time the transfer is consummated. Grantor and its successors and assigns shall specifically refer to this Deed in any subsequent lease, deed, or other instrument by which any interest in the Property is conveyed.

E. Subsequent Liens. No provisions of this Deed should be construed as impairing the ability of Grantor to use this Property as collateral for a loan, provided that any mortgage or lien associated with the loan is subject to or subordinated to this Deed.

F. Severability. If any provision of this Deed is found to be invalid, the remainder of its provisions shall remain in force.

G. Rules of Construction. This Deed shall be interpreted under the laws of the United States. Any ambiguities in this Deed and questions as to the validity of any of its specific provisions shall be resolved in favor of Grantee so as to preserve the conservation values of the Property and to give maximum effect to the purposes of this Deed.

H. Environmental Warranty. "Environmental Law" or "Environmental Laws" means any and all Federal, State, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, guidelines, policies, or requirements of any governmental authority regulating or imposing standards of liability or standards of conduct (including common law) concerning air, water, solid waste, hazardous materials, worker and community right-to-know, hazard communication, noise, radioactive material, resource protection, subdivision, inland wetlands and watercourses, health protection and similar environmental health, safety, building and land use as may now or at any time hereafter be in effect.

"**Hazardous Materials**" means any petroleum, petroleum products, fuel oil, waste oils, explosives, reactive materials, ignitable materials, corrosive materials, hazardous chemicals, hazardous wastes, hazardous substances, extremely hazardous substances, toxic substances, toxic chemicals, radioactive materials, infectious materials, and any other element, compound, mixture, solution or substance which may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment.

Grantor warrants that it is in compliance with, and shall remain in compliance with, all applicable Environmental Laws. Grantor warrants that there are no notices by any governmental authority of any violation or alleged violation of, non-compliance or alleged non-compliance with or any liability under any Environmental Law relating to the operations or conditions of the

Property. Grantor further warrants that it has no actual knowledge of a release or threatened release of Hazardous Materials, as such substances and wastes are defined by applicable Federal and State law.

Moreover, Grantor hereby promises to defend and indemnify Grantee against all litigation, claims, demands, penalties, and damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from or connected with the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials on, at, beneath, or from the Property, or arising from or connected with a violation of any Environmental Laws by Grantor or any other prior owner of the Property. Grantor's indemnification obligation shall not be affected by any authorizations provided by Grantee to Grantor with respect to the Property or any restoration activities carried out by Grantee at the Property; provided, however, that Grantee shall be responsible for any Hazardous Material contributed after this date to the Property by Grantee.

I. General Indemnification. Grantor shall indemnify and hold harmless Grantee, its employees, agents, and assigns for any and all liabilities, claims, demands, losses, expenses, damages, fines, fees, penalties, suits, proceedings, actions, and costs of actions, sanctions asserted by or on behalf of any person or governmental authority, and other liabilities (whether legal or equitable in nature and including, without limitation, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees and attorneys' fees on appeal) to which Grantee may be subject or incur relating to the Property, which may arise from, but is not limited to, Grantor's negligent acts or omissions or Grantor's breach of any representation, warranty, covenant, agreements contained in this Deed, or violations of any Federal, State, or local laws, including all Environmental Laws.

J. Notices. Any notices required by this Deed shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Grantor and Grantee.

K. No Merger. If Grantee at some future time acquires the underlying fee title in the Property, the interest conveyed by this Deed will not merge with fee title but will continue to exist and be managed as a separate estate.

L. Acceptance. The signature below of Grantee's authorized representative constitutes acceptance of the rights and responsibilities conveyed by this Deed to the United States.

M. Captions. The captions used in this Deed have been inserted solely for convenience of reference. They are not part of this Deed and shall have no effect upon its interpretation.

N. Rights and Obligations. All provisions of this Deed apply to Grantor or Grantee and their respective agents, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, and any other successors.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, this Conservation Easement Deed is granted to the United States of America and assigns. Grantor covenants that it is vested with good title to the Property and shall warrant and defend the same on behalf of the United States against all claims and demands. Grantor covenants to comply with the terms and conditions enumerated in this Deed governing use of the Property, and adjacent lands owned by the Grantor used for access to the Property, and to refrain from any activity that is restricted, prohibited, or inconsistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement Deed.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2011.

Landowner(s) Delvin L. Berger
Delvin L. Berger

Elaine J. Berger
Elaine J. Berger

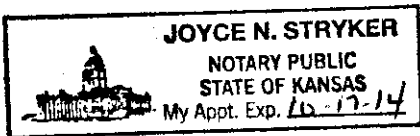
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State of Kansas

County of Marshall

On this 5th day of March, 2011, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said jurisdiction, personally appeared Delvin L. + Elaine J. Berger known or proved to me to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto my hand and Notarial Seal subscribed and affixed in said jurisdiction, the day and year above written.



(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Joyce N. Stryker
Notary Public

Notary Public for the State of Kansas
Residing at Waterville, Ke.
My Commission Expires: 10-17-14

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Dated this 7th day of March, 2011.

Landowner(s) Janet M Berger
Janet M. Berger

Ivan R Berger
Ivan R. Berger

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State of Kansas

County of Marshall

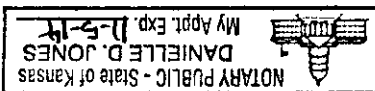
On this 7th day of March, 2011, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said jurisdiction, personally appeared Janet + Ivan Berger known or proved to me to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto my hand and Notarial Seal subscribed and affixed in said jurisdiction, the day and year above written.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Danielle D Jones
Notary Public

Notary Public for the State of Kansas
Residing at Waterville
My Commission Expires: November 5, 2014



ACCEPTANCE BY GRANTEE:

I Eric B. Banks, State Conservationist, being the duly authorized representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, do hereby accept this Conservation Easement Deed with respect to the rights and duties of the United States of America, Grantee.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2011.


Signature Eric B. Banks

This instrument was drafted by the Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-1400.

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The above statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (U.S.C. 522a). Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to furnish correct, complete information will result in the withholding or withdrawal of such technical or financial assistance. The information may be furnished to other USDA agencies, the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice, or other State or Federal Law enforcement agencies, or in response to orders of a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal.

This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act, as it is required for administration of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (see Pub. L. 110-246, Title II, Subtitle J – Miscellaneous Conservation Provisions).

EXHIBIT A

EASEMENT DESCRIPTION:

TRACT 1: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section 32, Township 4 South, Range 6 East, Marshall County, Kansas, thence with the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said section South 01 degrees 00 minutes 26 seconds East, 89.54 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence departing from said line South 00 degrees 46 minutes 37 seconds East, 247.74 feet; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 21 seconds East, 249.49 feet; thence South 52 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds West, 204.75 feet; thence North 87 degrees 42 minutes 02 seconds West, 332.01 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 35 seconds West, 290.70 feet; thence South 85 degrees 39 minutes 11 seconds West, 164.20 feet; thence North 66 degrees 23 minutes 03 seconds West, 275.21 feet; thence North 06 degrees 30 minutes 42 seconds West, 25.10 feet; thence North 55 degrees 28 minutes 58 seconds West, 39.78 feet; thence South 29 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds West, 16.63 feet; thence North 75 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West, 54.66 feet; thence North 87 degrees 47 minutes 18 seconds West, 220.38 feet; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 52 seconds East, 480.57 feet; thence North 80 degrees 29 minutes 57 seconds East, 17.15 feet; thence North 73 degrees 50 minutes 39 seconds East, 80.06 feet; thence North 83 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds East, 166.19 feet to a point on the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 32; thence along said line North 89 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, 199.26 feet; thence departing from said line South 34 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds East, 91.41 feet; thence North 66 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East, 169.35 feet; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 07 seconds East, 427.23 feet; thence South 70 degrees 02 minutes 39 seconds East, 263.64 feet; thence North 83 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds East, 170.51 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The above described tract of land contains 21.27 acres, more or less, and is subject to all recorded and unrecorded easements, restrictions and right-of-ways.

TRACT 2: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section 32, Township 4 South, Range 6 East, Marshall County, Kansas, thence with the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said section South 01 degrees 00 minutes 26 seconds East, 1375.13 feet; thence departing from said line South 88 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds West, 4.59 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 52 seconds East, 259.52 feet; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 36 seconds East, 258.30 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds East, 262.61 feet; thence South 00 degrees 57 minutes 09 seconds East, 255.03 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 14 seconds East, 258.77 feet to a point on the South line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 32; thence along said line South 89 degrees 10 minutes 58 seconds West, 1362.05 feet; thence departing from said line South 89 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds West, 248.26 feet; thence South 88 degrees 46 minutes 42 seconds West, 292.52 feet, thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 45 seconds East, 285.43 feet; thence North 02 degrees 09 minutes 18 seconds East, 263.73 feet; thence North 02 degrees 33 minutes 34 seconds East, 74.19 feet; thence North 10 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds East, 299.62 feet; thence North 44 degrees 21 minutes 12 seconds East, 208.95 feet; thence North 12 degrees 32 minutes 55 seconds East 323.25 feet; thence North 00 degrees 34 minutes 51 seconds West, 250.94 feet; thence North 62 degrees 18 minutes 39 seconds East, 93.62 feet; thence South 70 degrees 50 minutes 41 seconds East, 196.54 feet; thence South 36 degrees 29 minutes 21 seconds East, 177.01 feet; thence North 69 degrees 25 minutes 51 seconds East, 195.74 feet; thence North 73 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds East,

276.90 feet; thence North 76 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds East, 259.55 feet; thence South 80 degrees 04 minutes 27 seconds East, 226.04 feet; thence South 50 degrees 26 minutes 08 seconds East, 232.43 feet; thence South 37 degrees 20 minutes 32 seconds East, 215.63 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The above described tract of land contains 64.42 acres, more or less, and is subject to all recorded and unrecorded easements, restrictions and right-of-ways.

TRACT 3: Beginning at the Center of Section 32, Township 4 South, Range 6 East, Marshall County, Kansas, thence with the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said section North 01 degrees 04 minutes 39 seconds West, 2090.56 feet; thence departing from said line North 76 degrees 46 minutes 57 seconds East, 342.42 feet; thence South 15 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds East, 303.36 feet; thence South 09 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds East, 299.59 feet; thence South 01 degrees 40 minutes 11 seconds East, 271.53 feet; thence South 07 degrees 06 minutes 03 seconds West, 92.26 feet; thence South 24 degrees 59 minutes 56 seconds West, 248.05 feet; thence South 19 degrees 45 minutes 27 seconds West, 81.60 feet; thence South 47 degrees 21 minutes 06 seconds West, 133.03 feet; thence South 16 degrees 46 minutes 06 seconds West, 155.90 feet; thence South 01 degrees 23 minutes 03 seconds East, 448.89 feet; thence South 11 degrees 21 minutes 07 seconds East, 229.29 feet to a point on the South line of the Northeast Quarter of said section; thence along said line South 89 degrees 10 minutes 58 seconds West, 199.85 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The above described tract of land contains 15.16 acres, more or less, and is subject to all recorded and unrecorded easements, restrictions and right-of-ways.

CENTERLINE OF 20-FOOT ACCESS EASEMENT NO. 1:

Commencing at the North Quarter Corner of Section 32, Township 4 South, Range 6 East, Marshall County, Kansas, thence with the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said section North 89 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, 1135.17 feet to the Point of Beginning of said Centerline Access Easement; thence departing from said line and along the Centerline of the 20-Foot Access Easement the following courses and distances: South 00 degrees 19 minutes 52 seconds West, 521.18 feet; thence South 41 degrees 32 minutes 53 seconds East, 71.75 feet; thence South 61 degrees 29 minutes 51 seconds East, 85.12 feet; thence South 32 degrees 10 minutes 23 seconds East, 282.99 feet; thence South 44 degrees 23 minutes 48 seconds East, 195.57 feet; thence South 13 degrees 43 minutes 24 seconds East, 152.47 feet to the point of terminus for said Centerline 20-Foot Access Easement.

CENTERLINE OF 20-FOOT ACCESS EASEMENT NO. 2:

Commencing at the North Quarter Corner of Section 32, Township 4 South, Range 6 East, Marshall County, Kansas, thence with the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said section North 89 degrees 06 minutes 21 seconds East, 1135.17 feet; thence departing from said line South 00 degrees 19 minutes 52 seconds West, 521.18 feet; thence South 41 degrees 32 minutes 53 seconds East, 71.75 feet; thence South 61 degrees 29 minutes 51 seconds East, 85.12 feet to the Point of Beginning for said Centerline 20-Foot Access Easement; thence along said Centerline of 20-Foot Access Easement the following courses and distances: South 39 degrees 22 minutes 39 seconds West, 84.63 feet; thence South 51 degrees 28 minutes 49 seconds West,

291.91 feet; thence South 68 degrees 21 minutes 38 seconds West, 220.77 feet; thence South 14 degrees 19 minutes 43 seconds East, 207.37 feet; thence South 51 degrees 22 minutes 26 seconds West, 377.22 feet; thence South 85 degrees 46 minutes 14 seconds West, 44.45 feet to the point of terminus for said Centerline 20-Foot Access Easement.

EXHIBIT B
GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM
Baseline Inventory Report

IVAN R. BERGER and DELVIN L. BERGER
2112 1ST RD
WATERVILLE, KS
66548

GENERAL

Ivan R. Berger and Delvin L. Berger shall enroll 100.9 acres into the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) administered by the United States Department of Agriculture' Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). GRP is a voluntary program which will allow Ivan R. Berger and Delvin L. Berger and NRCS to conserve, restore and enhance certain grasslands and rangelands through the acquisition of a permanent conservation easement. The purpose of this Report is to document the characteristics, attributes, functions, and conservation values of the rangeland and other lands identified by the GRP conservation easement deed, including critical habitat for declining populations of grassland dependent birds and animals. The Report also describes and identifies the location of those facilities, roads and structures that are included as part of the easement area and are present at the time of the easement acquisition. The facilities may be maintained by the landowner and assigns for purposes of conducting livestock-related operations. The landowner has agreed to conserve and manage these lands according to a GRP Grassland Resources Conservation Plan developed by the landowner and NRCS.

Ivan R. Berger and Delvin L. Berger will enroll 100.9 acres of land into GRP consisting of an estimated 91.1 acres of tall grass prairie with the remaining 9.8 acres consisting of incidental woodlands.

The Ivan R. Berger and Delvin L. Berger property is located from Waterville, KS, south 1.5 miles on Hwy 77, west 1.0 miles on Wildcat Rd. The current livestock operation for the ranch includes summer grazing of 18 bred cows for fall calving. The ranch also supports a small population of white-tail deer. A population of prairie chickens, a declining grassland dependent species, has been observed on the ranch.

In past years the property has been managed as 3 pastures. The pastures are grazed in a rotation with cattle going in July 1st and out October 31st. A moderate stocking rate is used. The pastures are in excellent range condition with an upward trend. In the Range Health Evaluation the three attributes of soil/site stability, hydrologic function, and biotic integrity all rated in the "none to slight" category indicating high quality rangeland. The three pastures are grazed in conjunction with 25 acres of highly productive smooth brome grass that is utilized in the spring and early summer. Prescribed burning is done at least every 3 years to control invasive species. Mechanical and chemical brush management has been done in recent years to control woody species.

Landscape and Soils Site Description

The majority of the landscape contains slopes of 10-20% or greater. The soils are predominately silty loams with a land capability class of VIe. Vegetative production is limited by low available water holding capacity and rapid runoff. All the offered acres of the ranch produce a plant community typical of a tall grass prairie in near Historic Climax Condition. Ecological site is Limy Upland.

VEGITATIVE RESOURCE



Location of transect #18 in pasture 1D. Range condition class is "Excellent" with 79% of the Historic Climax species present.

GPS Location:
-96.771770 39.667266



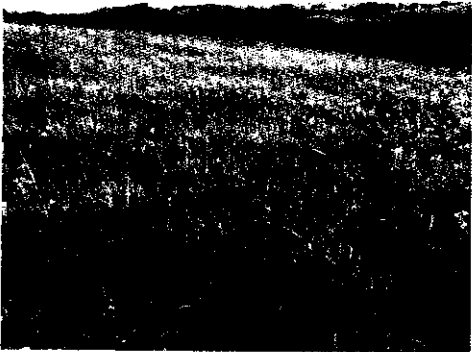
Location of transect #20 in pasture 1C. Range condition class is "Excellent" with 83% of the Historic Climax species present.

GPS Location:
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Location of transect #19 in pasture 1C. Range condition class is "Excellent" with 81% of the Historic Climax species present.

GPS Location:
-96.771088 39.663812



Location of transect #21 in pasture 1A. Range condition class is "Excellent" with 76% of the Historic Climax species present.

GPS Location:
-96.778401 39.663952

INVASIVE SPECIES



Cedar encroachment in pasture 1D. Smaller cedars are controlled with prescribed burning.

WATER RESOURCES

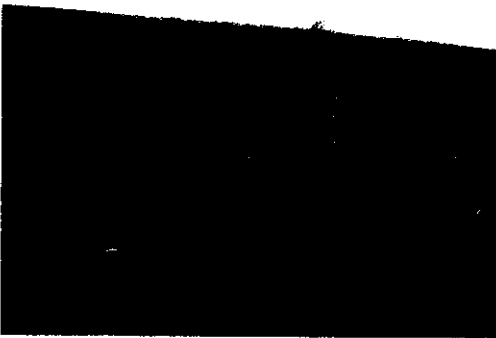


Stock water is supplied by perennial streams that are available to all 3 pastures.

FENCES



Boundary fence along the north side of pasture 1D. Old fence but adequate for a cow/calf operation.



Boundary fence along the south side of pasture 1C. Newer fence in very good condition.



Cross fence between pasture 1C and brome pasture. Three wire fence adequate for a cow/calf operation.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS/ISSUES



Corral and livestock working facilities in the northeast corner of pasture 1D.



Old abandon barn in pasture 1D.

There are no other buildings, structures or improvements on the offered acres.

X


John W. Henry
Rangeland Management Specialist

X

Ivan R. Berger
Landowner

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EXHIBIT C

Exhibit C: No water rights have been reserved to the landowner within the boundaries of the specified easement area as described on Exhibit A. Therefore, Exhibit C regarding water uses and water rights is intentionally omitted from this Warranty Easement Deed and is not applicable.