



**Nebraska Game and Parks Commission**

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DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

**RE: February 7, 2012 NDNR letter to Gene Zuerlein, NGPC, regarding the 15 year review of Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) instream flow appropriations: A-17329, A-17330, A-17331, and A-17332 on the Central and Lower Platte River.**

Dear Mr. Dunnigan:

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-2,112, the Department of Natural Resources is required to review appropriations for instream flows every fifteen years after being granted to determine if the **beneficial uses** are still being served and that they still are in the **public interest**.

In keeping with its stewardship responsibilities for managing public trust natural resources which belong to all Nebraska citizens, enclosed please find the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's Enclosures 1-4 documenting the **beneficial uses** and **public interest** criteria.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Tim McCoy, Deputy Director, at 402-471-5539. We appreciate the extensive, but expensive legal public notices the Department of Natural Resources has provided (Enclosure 5) and look forward to receiving a copy of all comments from Nebraska citizens regarding

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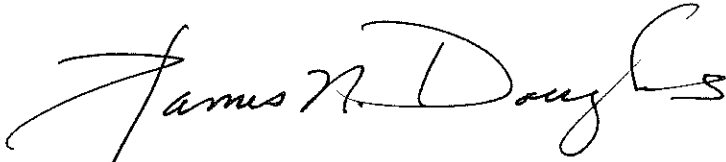
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their views on the importance of the above instream flows obtained on the central and lower Platte River on their behalf by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James N. Douglas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

James N. Douglas  
Director

c: Commissioners w/Enclosures 1-5  
Deputy Director McCoy w/Enclosures 1-5  
Division Administrators w/Enclosures 1-5  
Mike Thompson, NDNR w/Enclosures 1-5