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NRCS SEEKS LOCAL INPUT ON FARM BILL PROGRAMS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Hines Field Office will be holding its annual Harney County Local Work Group meeting on February 12, 2019. The meeting will be held from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Harney ESD Office, 25 Fairview Heights, Burns.

The Local Work Group provides input to the NRCS on local natural resource priorities and on the use of Farm Bill programs, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), to address those priorities. Participation in the Local Work Group is open to government agencies, non-governmental organizations, private landowners, and the general public.

Topics of discussion at the February 12 meeting will include an update on the progress made toward implementing the Natural Resources Long Range Strategy in 2018, updates on current staffing and workload considerations, and discussion of priorities for fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020 Farm Bill funds. A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Zola Ryan, District Conservationist, 541-573-6446 ext. 107.

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