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**Subject:** Environmental Assessment of Impacts of Kossuth County Bridge Replacements on Aukes WRP Easement Complete  
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**Attachments:** [Kossuth County Aukes Transmittal Letter draft\\_01282021.docx](#)  
[Kossuth Aukes FONSI Draft\\_02122021.docx](#)  
[20210125 Environmental Assessment Kossuth Final.pdf](#)

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Dave,

Kossuth County has provided a final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed replacement of two bridges and the resultant impacts on the Paul Aukes WRP easement. This document is required of the proponent (Kossuth County) to fulfill NRCS's NEPA obligations for the requested Easement Administration Action (EAA). The bridge replacements and associated acquisition of new right-of-way will result in NRCS ceding approximately 1.47 acres of easement to the County, in exchange, the County will acquire, restore and transfer ownership to NRCS 1.5 acres of land adjacent to the current easement.

I have reviewed the EA and am ready to recommend approval and issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) by the State Conservationist. I have attached the EA, draft FONSI, and a draft transmittal letter notifying Kossuth County of NRCS's actions.

When we last did one of these, Jon was pretty closely involved and transmitted the documents to Kurt, not sure how you would like to proceed. I can transmit directly to Jon if you would like. Touch base with me next week and we can discuss in greater detail.

Regards,  
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