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Fire Incident Unrelated to Prescribed Burn on Lake Wanahoo Property

Wahoo, NE – A fire incident occurred on March 27, 2025, on the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District's (LPNNRD) Lake Wanahoo property. This fire was not associated with the planned prescribed burn conducted by LPNNRD, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, and Nebraska Pheasants Forever on the west portion of Lake Wanahoo on March 26, 2025. The prescribed burn was a controlled operation conducted for ecological management purposes of the wildlife.

The fire occurred on private property on the opposite side of Lake Wanahoo and spread to the NRD's property. The investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing. The LPNNRD is very concerned for the well-being and health of our neighbor who was injured in the fire incident. We wish the best for him and his family. Additionally, LPNNRD extends its gratitude to the local fire departments and emergency responders for their prompt and effective response in controlling the fire.

LPNNRD works to decrease the accumulation of dead vegetation by haying around the private property to reduce the risk of uncontrolled wildfires. Additionally, landowners are responsible for maintaining and minimizing trash and debris that can act as fuel for uncontrolled fires, particularly in dry conditions. Prescribed burns are conducted under strict guidelines and safety protocols to ensure the protection of public safety and natural resources.