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From: Dave Jacobson <djacobson@pie.midco.net>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 1:59 PM
To: Coughlin, Paul
Subject: GF&P land acquisition input

Dear Mr. Coughlin:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on GF&P land acquisitions. It is very important to not only continue land acquisitions that allow for public access but to expand these acquisitions. There is just no other option for permanently saving and providing places for wildlife to survive and places to hunt and fish for the average person. As it gets harder and harder to find private land where access is allowed, increased public areas are a necessity to keep our outdoor traditions going.

More specifically, wetland areas east of the Missouri River should be the main focus of future acquisitions. With the draining of wetlands happening at an ever increasing rate, it is important to save as many as possible now. Of course wetlands and surrounding prairie deliver the most bang for the buck in wildlife production and protection.

It seems the most resistance to further land acquisitions comes from the western part of the state. Given the amount of Walk-In area available there, maybe GF&P should concentrate their acquisition efforts elsewhere.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Gregg Van Beek <drvanbeek@abe.midco.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 9:35 AM
To: Coughlin, Paul
Subject: Land purchase

The state has no business buying land. You pay whatever you want with no need to make a profit. This is just another "grow the power" scheme of the Government's. Government needs to shrink, not grow even larger.
Gregg Van Beek DDS

Johnson, Joy

From: Bern, Arlan L
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 2:38 PM
To: Coughlin, Paul
Subject: GFP land

I support of GFP buying land! Thanks Arlan Bern

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From: Dean and Delia Johnson <the7xranch@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 11:27 AM
To: Coughlin, Paul
Subject: Opposition to further land purchases

Mr. Coughlin:

My husband and I own and operate a cattle ranch in Western SD. We live East of Fairburn, in Custer County. Our county has a large sum of federally and state controlled lands. We feel strongly that enough is enough. If we are not mistaken, most of this government controlled land is not taxed, pushing even more burden onto the people of our county. We adamantly appose any further purchases of private, deeded land by the State. SD Game and Fish was designed to help with game preservation, not to be land barrens. There are programs available to offer opportunities for the State to partner with land owners to manage wild life in our state. The State does not need to own more land.

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From: Chet Hofer <chofer4044@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 5:52 AM
To: Coughlin, Paul
Subject: land purchase

I would like to state that I believe GFP needs to be able to purchase land for lake access, hunting land & camp grounds, which we are in very short supply. thank you
Chet Hofer

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From: Malone, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 12:16 PM
To: Coughlin, Paul
Subject: Input on Land Purchasing Guidelines

Paul

I support the current proposals and any others to increase hunting/fishing opportunities in SD.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Mark Malone, PE

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Johnson, Joy

From: Andy Vandel <andyvandel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 12:11 PM
To: Coughlin, Paul
Subject: Support the purchase of land acquisitions

Hi Paul,

I support future land acquisitions by GFP. It is very important for GFP to continue this process so land will be available for future generations to enjoy the opportunities GPAs provide. GFP does an outstanding job managing habitat on these properties in order to get the most benefit out of the investment.

Thanks!

Andy Vandel
Pierre, SD