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Tri-Basin NRD Educates District Students about Conservation

Approximately 200 eighth grade students from schools in Gosper, Phelps, and Kearney Counties converged on Sacramento-Wilcox Wildlife Management Area on September 22. Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (TBNRD) hosted the students at the annual Rainwater Basin Conservation Day. Students spent the morning learning about conservation of our natural resources through hands-on sessions on tree and plant identification, surface water and groundwater, geology, global positioning systems (GPS), insects, and wetlands.

“This event gets kids outside and allows them to connect the concepts they’ve been learning in the classroom to the natural world,” explained Tri-Basin NRD manager, John Thorburn.

Schools in attendance were Elwood, Bertrand, Holdrege, Axtell, and Minden. The event, which has been held in this area for nearly 70 years, is held in cooperation with Nebraska Extension, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Rainwater Basin Joint Venture, and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

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Photo 1 Cutline: Jeff VanEperen, Tri-Basin NRD field technician, helps students identify insects they caught during a session at Rainwater Basin Conservation Day.

Photo 2 Cutline: Todd Whitney, Nebraska Extension Educator, teaches students about surface water and groundwater at Rainwater Basin Conservation Day.