Kansas Trustee Council Resolution #20, dated March 3, 2013 authorized the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) to hire a Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRD) Project Planner. The NRD Project Planner position is an unclassified, temporary, full-time position that facilitates implementing all aspects of NRD restoration activities and management of restoration properties in Cherokee and surrounding counties for the Trustees. Position responsibilities include quarterly reporting (including financial expenditures and tracking) to the Trustees, maintaining the geographic information system land acquisition database, planning and implementing restoration activities (including completing land availability reports, appraisals, and property purchases), and oversight of all restoration, management and monitoring projects and actions on acquired properties. The Project Planner has successfully furthered our ability to conduct these restoration activities, and the Kansas Trustee Council wishes to continue funding this position for another year.

The Kansas Trustee Council is seeking a total of $77,750 to fund the second year of the Project Planner position. This funding will come from the joint settlement account number 0585-Cherokee County ASARCO Restoration. The funds are to be transferred to the state fund with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and KDHE will then transfer the funds to KDWPT.

Leo G. Henning,
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