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**RE: [External Email]Re: Holmes North Work Plan**

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Wed, Mar 12, 2025 at 12:08 PM

To: "Carver, Andrew" &lt;andrew.carver@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;

Cc: "Nellesen, Shelly" &lt;shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;

Andrew

We hit a roadblock with O'Brien County at Plessis who has the right-of-way. The County told my contractor that their easement does not allow "someone else to dig to collect water samples". This one has been a challenge.

I wouldn't say we have cancelled it. It's just been moved down on the list for now and replaced with other sites we can more readily access.

I told my contractor that the first step is to secure access before doing any work plans moving forward. It's a bit of a balancing act with access because we need to spend funds verifying the old leases and site location at the local courthouse before we can even go for access with the landowners, and I award 10 or so sites at a time when I can get funding available.

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**From:** Carver, Andrew <andrew.carver@dnr.iowa.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025 3:56 PM**To:** Horton, Kale - FPAC-FSA, MO <Kale.Horton@usda.gov>**Cc:** Nellesen, Shelly <shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov>**Subject:** [External Email]Re: Holmes North Work Plan

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Kale,

I just wanted to check and see if Plessis is on hold or officially canceled based on this last email. I received the Revised Work Plan previously that indicated groundwater sampling would be completed in the right of way of the assumed down-gradient direction. Is that no longer the case?

Thanks,

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On Tue, Mar 11, 2025 at 8:33 AM Nellesen, Shelly <[shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:shelly.nellesen@dnr.iowa.gov)> wrote:

FYI

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Shelly,

The landowners straight up denied access to Portland and Plessis.

We cannot get a response at Burchinal despite multiple attempts using various communications, so when we are out doing fieldwork, they are going to try and knock on some doors.

We have replacement sites in the queue so we can keep things moving.

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Thanks for the update, Kale. I'll get a new PM assigned to this site and let you know who the contact is.

So, it looks like Cornelia, Langdon and Hurley are starting field work this week. Can you remind me, are things still progressing at Portland, Plessis, and Burchinal?

Thanks,

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On Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 2:56 PM Horton, Kale - FPAC-FSA, MO <[Kale.Horton@usda.gov](mailto:Kale.Horton@usda.gov)> wrote:

Hi Shelly,

Attached is the Holmes North work plan for IDNR review. I couldn't find a PM assigned for this site in the IDNR database.

Also, I heard from our grants team this morning and they are finalizing the approval of the FY2024 State Agreement time extension and approving the budget switch from contract to in-house staff. You all can bill out the FY2024 agreement as you see fit once we get the minor requested changes approved or invoice now if you needed to. Should be soon. I know I have been sending plenty of sites.

For the new FY2025 Agreement, I have the funds secured. It's challenging to get any new funds approved for award in the current transition, but I am working on it daily and staying with it. Hopefully, we should see some positive movement for that one too in the foreseeable future.

Thank you for all your help for this program. Kale

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