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Subject: Kansas Farm Bureau request to discuss Flint Hills range burning with Administrator Pruitt or staff

Sydney,

Kansas Farm Bureau would like to discuss the Clean Air Act, specifically Flint Hills (Kansas) range burning, with Administrator Pruitt. There will be a group of approximately six Kansas Farm Bureau members in Washington, DC on the morning of Wednesday, May 24 where we would be able to visit. Our main concern is the challenge of needing a prescribed fire to maintain the natural ecosystem of the Flint Hills in Kansas and the Osage Hills in Oklahoma and how smoke from these necessary fires impact the ozone and PM2.5 standards. Exceedances or violations of a national ambient air quality standard directly related to prescribed fires in the Flint Hills and Osage Hills is becoming a challenge to manage.

In 2011, Sens. Inhofe and Moran introduce a bill addressing this issue:

<https://www.moran.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/news-releases?ID=dc891dd7-ad7c-4d8f-83f7-aa7c4b644b3f>

So far this year the media has written a number of stories:

<http://cjonline.com/news/state-government/local/2017-04-18/burning-questions-tradition-economics-cloud-debate-prairie>

http://journalstar.com/news/local/article_420984a8-e0a3-546e-a36d-7333898b551f.html

http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/choked-up-about-kansas-smoke-collaboration-might-help-more-than/article_f245db74-84bd-522a-8de8-af6f51d72da9.html

Thank you for your consideration,

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