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### NRCS Taking Applications for Wildlife Habitat Improvement Deadline: September 6, 2013

*NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS), Huron, SD, August 22, 2013*—South Dakota landowners interested in improving wildlife habitat on their property can apply for the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) announces the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Jeff Vander Wilt, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, Huron, says landowners have an opportunity to improve their land through this program, “Many practices are eligible; however, there will be a focus on cover crops, brush management (cedar, Chinese Elm, etc. removal) and range plantings with pollinators. Vander Wilt points out that producers interested in cover crops could ask for an early start waiver to start the cover crop yet this fall.

Since this funding opportunity has just become available and the end of the fiscal year is at hand, Vander Wilt encourages landowners to apply at local USDA Service Centers right away. The WHIP has a voluntary continuous sign-up with a batching deadline for this funding of September 6, 2013.

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