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To: DNR Lake Grant Coordinators

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Subject: Burnett County LEARN ABOUT YOUR LAKES GRANT narrative

More than 250 lake owners attended one or more a four, one hour educational programs hosted in four different town hall type settings in the northern half of Burnett County Burnett County Land and Water Conservation Department managed all aspects of the grant application and tracking and UWEX worked with local lake volunteers to identify programs, locations and site coordinators.

A post card promoting the classes was mailed to over 4000 lake property owners in those townships north of highway 70. The programs were also promoted in the LakeLines Newsletter and within the network of the Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association. The Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association was instrumental in sponsoring and hosting workshop locations and taking a local leadership role with the workshops.

The evaluation indicated that attendees learned about specific things they could do on their properties to help lakes and lake wildlife. The also indicated their intent to do one or more activities on their properties. As a follow up to the grant UWEX proposes a post workshop evaluation in late summer of 2013 to determine to what extent attendees actually completed one or more of the possible activities recommended in the workshop series. The presentations topics, times and locations were well rated positively by most attendees, with the exception of one of the classes. Classes held earlier in the series and closer to the post card mailing had the higher attendance rates as did those that were held in locations with denser lake clusters (e.g., Webb Lake and Scott Town Halls).

A summary evaluation of the 2012 Burnett County Learn About Your Lakes programs is included with this report.

Feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,

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