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NACD Blog: [Nebraska Districts Help Delist Second Creek in Six Months](#)

By Erika Hill

12/06/18

On Oct. 18, 2018, city, state and federal officials announced Antelope Creek was removed from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Impaired Waters list for E.coli. Only 90 creeks in the nation have been removed from the list in the last 15 years, and only 14 of those are in urban areas.

Agri-Pulse: [Perdue names Lohr new NRCS chief](#)

By Spencer Chase

12/03/18

Ag Secretary Sonny Perdue has tapped Matt Lohr to lead the Natural Resources Conservation Service, putting the Virginia farmer in charge of the Department of Agriculture's conservation efforts.

The Hill: [House approves two-week spending measure to avert shutdown](#)

By Juliegrace Brufke

12/06/18

The House passed a two-week measure to keep the government funded and stave off a partial shutdown by unanimous consent on Thursday.

Agri-Pulse: [Farm bill delayed, but Perdue signals administration support](#)

By Philip Brasher

12/03/18

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said Monday that he would recommend President Donald Trump sign the new farm bill that congressional negotiators agreed on even though it wouldn't tighten work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. However, the House and Senate will not act on the final legislation until at least next week.

Newsweek: [Why Environmentalists and Hunters are United in Saying the Endangered Species Act Is Failing and Needs to Be Fixed](#)

By Erik Vance

12/01/18

For these reasons, many environmentalists argue, the ESA needs a fundamental overhaul. They've quietly floated proposals to make it more effective, such as paying farmers to help conservation efforts and establishing objective and independent ways of deciding which species are listed that would help insulate them from politics.

Phys.org: [Think about bees say researchers as Grand-Staircase Escalante National Monument Shrinks](#)

12/04/18

One out of every four bee species in the United States is found in Utah and the arid, western state is home to more bee species than most states in the nation. About half of those species dwell within the original boundaries of the newly reduced Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

MPR News: [Peterson: New farm bill preserves status quo, but will it help farmers enough?](#)

By Dan Gunderson and Elizabeth Dunbar
12/03/18

The full text of the 2018 farm bill hasn't been released yet, but U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., said Monday that the new bill will look a lot like the one that expired in September. The final farm bill awaits a budget analysis, and Congress is expected to vote on it as its lame-duck session comes to a close in the coming weeks.

Futurity: [U.S. Groundwater Supply is Smaller Than We Thought](#)

By Mari Jensen
12/04/18

The new research shows the average depth of transition from fresh to brackish groundwater in the US overall is about 1,800 feet, which contradicts previous studies suggesting that fresh groundwater extends down to 6,500 feet.

AP News: [Report: Maria had \\$43B impact on Puerto Rico's economy](#)

By Danica Coto
12/03/18

A report from Puerto Rico's government says Hurricane Maria had a \$43 billion impact on the U.S. territory's economy, \$1 billion more than originally estimated.

NBC News: [California is managing its forests — but is the president managing its federal lands?](#)

By James Rainey
12/02/18

Last year's devastation in the wine country spurred California to its greatest wildfire safety reforms in memory. Gov. Jerry Brown signed a series of bills in September that will streamline regulations for thinning forests in fire zones, allow limited removal of some larger trees and force cities and counties to plan better defenses for individual properties and communities.

Des Moines Register: [Final Farm Bill should build on Conservation Reserve Program success](#)

By Duane Hvorka and Tim Wagner
12/04/18

(Opinion) The programs in limbo include the Conservation Reserve Program, the oldest and largest Farm Bill conservation program, created in the 1985 Farm Bill. For more than three decades, the program has helped farmers reduce soil erosion, improve water quality in nearby streams, and provide millions of acres of wildlife habitat.

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