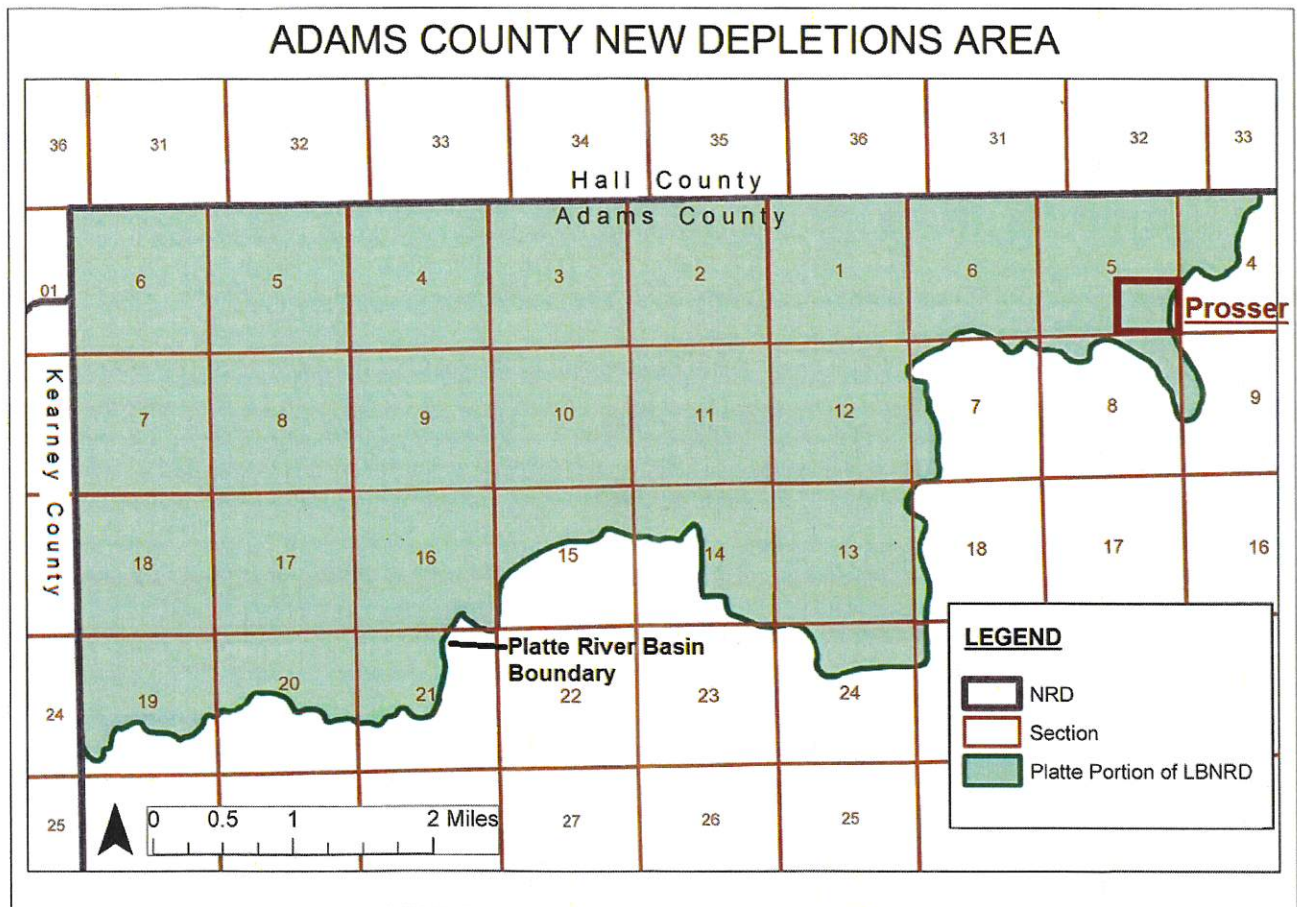


## NRD to Consider Platte River Area Stay – Hearing May 8, 2018

The Little Blue NRD Board of Directors took action on December 12, 2017 to establish a temporary 180-day stay on new water uses for a portion of northwest Adams County. According to Mike Onnen, Manager of the NRD, the Department of Natural Resources requested the District’s assistance in protecting Platte River flows because recent flow models indicated that water uses in northwest Adams County are contributing to Platte River flow depletions. Such depletions pose some risk to the Nebraska New Depletions Plan which addresses Endangered Species Act compliance issues on the Platte River. The stay was imposed on that approximately 13,500 acres of land in the extreme northwest corner of Adams County where surface water runoff drains toward the Platte River.



Onnen says that the reason for the stay is to allow the NRD time to develop its Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for the District. The IMP is currently being written, but will not be completed with associated rules in time to beat the expiration of the 180-day stay. There is no provision in State law for an extension of a temporary stay.

The Little Blue NRD will conduct a public hearing at its Tuesday, May 8, 2018 board of director’s meeting in Davenport. The hearing will begin at 8:00 PM. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on whether the temporary stay imposed on this portion of Adams County should be made permanent, at least until such time that the IMP and associated controls can be completed and put in place.

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