

Potential PRRIP First Increment Extension Proposal Negotiation Topics

TIER 1 TOPICS (fundamental issues that will drive Extension Proposal form, activities, and budget)

1. **Extension Budget Approach** – Should Extension priorities and work plan be built around a negotiated budget or should the Extension budget be dictated by a work plan?
2. **Extension Length** – Extension lengths of 10 years and 13 years have been proposed.
3. **Adjustments to Milestones** – Can/should First Increment Milestones be changed to incorporate Extension “enhancements” and/or to specify the schedule for Second Increment negotiations?
4. **New habitat acres** – Should additional complex habitat acres be acquired during the Extension? If so, how many acres?
5. **Counting of conservation lands** – Should some portion of existing conservation lands be incorporated into the Program prior to the end of the Extension? Addition of 7,000 acres by 2024 and a total of 14,000 acres by 2029 was proposed (related to disposition of Jeffery Island).
6. **Extension water target** – Should Extension water target be a range of 130,000 – 150,000 ac-ft or 150,000 ac-ft?
7. **Choke point capacity** – Should the choke point capacity target be increased from 3,000 cfs to 5,000 cfs?
8. **Pallid sturgeon** – Should the Extension Proposal stipulate that flows can be released to benefit pallid sturgeon? Should the Proposal stipulate pallid sturgeon research be conducted prior to flow releases to benefit the species?
9. **Target flows** - How should AMP revisions and testing of target flows be addressed in the Proposal?

TIER 2 TOPICS (significant issues that could potentially be addressed in the Extension Proposal or outside of the Proposal through existing Program Document language and/or committee and work planning processes)

10. **Willing buyer/willing seller** – Should the Proposal document contain language specifying willing buyer/seller approach applies to lands acquired by the Program for WAP projects?
11. **Disposition of Jeffery Island** – Should Jeffery Island (4,100 ac) be added to the Program through a sponsorship agreement with CNPPID?
12. **Depletions Plans** – Should the Proposal document specify changes to depletions plans and/or specify that the Nebraska Depletions Plan be updated to prohibit trans-basin diversions and/or other consumptive use of excess flows?
13. **Sediment augmentation** – Should the Proposal document specify sediment augmentation as a management action?

TIER 3 TOPICS (issues that can be addressed outside of the Extension Proposal through existing committee or work planning processes)

14. **Selling of marginal Program habitat lands** – Should the Extension proposal direct the Program to consider selling marginal habitat lands and using money to purchase high priority lands?
15. **Requirements for crediting conservation lands** – Should the Extension proposal dictate that improvements to conservation lands be required in order for those lands to be credited?
16. **Review of conservation lands** – Should the Extension proposal dictate a review of the amount, use, distribution and characteristics of all conservation lands be conducted to guide future land acquisition, management, and consideration for crediting?
17. **Grassland restoration investigation** – Should the Extension proposal specify an investigation to identify potential for improving quality of grasslands to reduce negative impacts to other at risk species?
18. **Success or failure of short-duration high flow (SDHF) releases** – Should Extension proposal contain language describing the potential success or failure of this management action?