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OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK260-4-2

SUBJECT: INF - Oklahoma Earth Team Bluebird Trail Project 2004

Purpose: To inform employees of availability of bluebird boxes for distribution.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2004

ACTION REQUESTED BY: January 30, 2004

The Oklahoma NRCS Earth Team is once again planning to distribute bluebird boxes for further development of the bluebird trail within the state. This year, there will be approximately 550 boxes for distribution to NRCS offices. Last year's number was 150 and the demand was much higher than the number of boxes available. Thanks to donations by the Oklahoma Bluebird Society and the North Fork of the Red River Conservation District, 750 kits have been purchased and will be received by January 9th. Kirk Schreiner, Co-Coordinator of the Earth Team and District Conservationist in Sayre, will be supervising the construction of the boxes by volunteers in Beckham County.

Mr. Schreiner will also be the contact for distribution of the boxes. Each request should be sent via email to Kirk.Schreiner@ok.usda.gov, in order to establish the number of boxes in each order. Since February is the time to set up the boxes for nesting, please send in your requests by **January 30th**. Once all requests have been received, specifics of the distribution procedure will be provided.

Oklahoma has a very successful Earth Team and the bluebird trail is an excellent project for telling our story of conservation. This type of project enables the NRCS to reach individuals who may not be our traditional customers. The new partnerships formed through this project will benefit the agency and the environment for many years.

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