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To Niobrara Council Members:

The Nebraska Backcountry Hunters & Anglers (the voice for our wild public lands, water and wildlife) are strongly opposed to Nebraska LR158 2025-26, which proposes the study of the transfer of the Niobrara National Scenic River from federal management to state management. This River is a national treasure and public use would likely suffer and habitat would be degraded under state control. History is filled with examples of loss of our wild lands and associated habitat degradation when these unique public environments are transferred to state designation. Moreover, Nebraska already has the lowest outdoor recreation economy of any state in the western two thirds of the country, largely because of the lack of public lands access. This transfer would further erode that outdoor recreational economy. We urge you to recommend the withdrawal of LR158 2025-26 and maintaining federal management.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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