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### **RC&D ADDS TROUT RUN REFORESTATION PROJECT COORDINATOR**

*Postville, Iowa* -- Richard Kittelson has recently been hired by Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. (RC&D) as the Trout Run Reforestation Project Coordinator. Kittelson received his degree in Arboriculture from Northeast Iowa Community College in May 2002, after returning to the area from the state of Oregon.

As Project Coordinator, Kittelson will be working with landowners in the Trout Run watershed to help them find ways to incorporate forestry into their long-term farm plans. The Upper Iowa River Watershed Alliance has identified the Trout Run Watershed as one of the sub-watersheds contributing the greatest volume of sediment and phosphorus to the Upper Iowa River. Reforestation on steep, highly-erodible slopes will help in reducing the amount of sediment and phosphorus emptying into the Upper Iowa River.

Funding to provide landowners with cost share for reforestation efforts is being provided by the Iowa Farm Bureau, the U.S. Forest Service, the State of Iowa, and the McKnight Foundation. The project is being coordinated through Northeast Iowa RC&D, Inc.

Northeast Iowa RC&D, Inc. is a nonprofit organization serving Allamakee, Buchanan, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, and Winneshiek counties in Northeast Iowa. The organization supports a wide variety of programs in the areas of private land conservation, community and economic development, local and value-added sustainable agriculture, education, and alternative energy, recycling and waste. For more information about Northeast Iowa RC&D and its programs, please call (563) 864-7112.

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