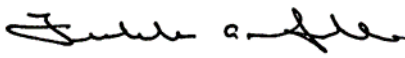


TO: NRSP8 Administrative Advisors - Eric Young (Lead AA), Archie Clutter, John Kirby, Noelle E. Cockett

FROM: Fred Servello, Chair NRSP-RC 

DATE: September 19, 2018

RE: Recommendation of the NRSP Review Committee to the Experiment Station Section (ESS)

CC: NRSP Review Committee (NRSP-RC)

The NRSP Review Committee reviewed NRSP8's response to our June 20, 2018 memo. We noted that project is an important endeavor and is a priority area for the section. We were impressed with the project's toolbox of bioinformatics resources and recognize the importance of supporting the salary of the bioinformatics expert. We also see the need for flexibility of funding to the species specialists. Alternatively, the argument supporting carryover of annual funds was weakly stated.

At the upcoming Experiment Station Section business meeting in Lincoln, NE on October 3, the NRSP-RC will recommend to the section, approval of the NRSP8 proposal at the proposed funding level of \$500,000 per year for the next five years. The NRSP-RC will also recommend that during the midterm review of NRSP8, that NRSP8 describe the plan to transition from off-the-top funding. Last, the NRSP-RC will recommend not allowing carry-forward for NRSP8. These recommendations will be shared with the ESS as a single motion.