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SUBJECT: INF – SURVIVING THE DUST BOWL PBS HOME VIDEO

Purpose. To provide information about a video for possible use during 70th Anniversary events.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2005.

Under separate cover, each Area Office will receive one copy of the PBS video entitled *Surviving the Dust Bowl*. The video features poignant interviews with witnesses and has remarkable archival film footage and photographs.

The rains suddenly stopped across the Southern Plains in the summer of 1931. Farmers watched their parched soil soar into the air and form walls of churning dust that blotted out the sun. For nearly a decade the Dust Bowl brought hardship and misery to thousands of families.

We will be celebrating 70 years of Soil and Water Conservation in Minnesota throughout calendar year 2005. Please contact your Area Office if you want to reserve this video for your anniversary event. The State Office has one copy that can be reserved by contacting Julie MacSwain, Public Affairs Specialist.

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