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To: Executive Board, JCEP

From: Executive Board, ANREP

The Executive Board of the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP) fully supports application for membership to the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP). ANREP has committed itself to establishing this joint relationship and has had dialogue with JCEP since 1995. JCEP has asked ANREP to meet certain requirements. ANREP has done this.

This is an opportunity for JCEP to more fully represent Extension professionals from around the nation. ANREP will bring to JCEP the diverse, currently underrepresented disciplines in Extension natural resources programs and its rapidly expanding client base. These disciplines include areas such as forestry, wildlife, water resources, range, environmental education, landuse planning, community development, biodiversity, air quality, and ecosystem management.

This is an opportunity for JCEP to bring this exciting and growing Extension organization to its table to work together for common goals, to provide consistent messages to those who influence Extension's future, to pool resources and influence policy, to avoid duplication and gaps, and demonstrate the cohesive camaraderie throughout the nation's cadre of Extension professionals.

ANREP prefers to join with its Extension colleagues in other disciplines and to act in concert with JCEP rather than seek other arenas through which to influence policies and practices that enhance its members' opportunities to carry out its mission to provide natural resource education for our clientele and society.

ANREP would not be standing before you with this formal request for membership if it did not truly believe that there is a substantial long-term benefit for both JCEP and ANREP. If you agree to welcome ANREP into JCEP at this time you will have made a progressive step forward to solidifying Extension professionals around the country.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.