PRAIRIE SCIENCE CLASS WINS NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD

FERGUS FALLS, MN, October 18, 2015 — The Prairie Science Class (PSC), an
education partnership between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Prairie Wetlands
Learning Center (www.fws.gov/refuge/fergus_falls_wmd) and The Fergus Falls
Independent School District 544, was recently recognized by the North American
Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), a leader in environmental education,
as the recipient of one of NAAEE’s hallmark annual awards recognizing leadership in
the field. At a special awards reception during NAAEE’s 44th Annual Conference in San
Diego, The Prairie Science Class received the award for Outstanding Service to EE by
an Organization (Regional Level).

The PSC mission is to explore the prairie pothole ecosystem and manage the Prairie
Wetlands Learning Center. Teachers from the Fergus Falls district are stationed at the
Learning Center, who coordinate instructional activities with their teaching peers at
Cleveland Elementary School. The class also has the assistance of Student
Conservation Association interns as well as environmental education specialists from
the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center.

“For more than four decades, NAAEE has promoted excellence and impact in
environmental education thanks to the tireless efforts of our members, supporters, and
affiliate organizations,” said Judy Braus, Executive Director. “Our award winners
represent bright spots across North America that show progress in our field across
multiple disciplines and approaches, from teaching and community engagement to
research and environmental justice.”

This year, 11 award recipients — an impressive slate of individuals and organizations
from North America — were selected across 11 categories. For more information about
the 2015 NAAEE Awards including eligibility requirements and a full list of winners, visit

About NAAEE
The North American Association for Environmental Education is a pioneering
membership organization dedicated to accelerating environmental literacy and civic
engagement through education. NAAEE supports a network of more than 20,000
educators, researchers, and organizational members working in environmental
education in more than 30 countries through direct membership and 54 state, provincial, and regional affiliate organizations. Through community networks, publications, signature programs, and eeNEWS and eeJOBS, NAAEE provides programming and resources for professionals working in all areas of the field. NAAEE’s flagship annual conference, now in its 44th year, convenes leaders from private and public sectors to advance the field of environmental education. For more information, visit www.naaee.org.

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