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### Cover:

Sandhill cranes soaring at sunrise over Nebraska's Platte River represent the many creatures whose well-being now depends on man and the wisdom and intelligence of his stewardship over the land community. For millennia the cranes have depended on the shallows and sandy bars of the Platte for stop-over habitat during their spring migrations, but this

habitat is now threatened by damming of the river and changes in shoreline vegetation. The problem and approaches to its solution are described in the article by Nature Conservancy Stewards Rex Boner and Mark Heitlinger, which leads off this first issue of *Restoration & Management Notes*.

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