



BID SHEET
National Wildlife Refuge System



Windom Wetland Management District
49663 County Road 17, Windom, MN 56101

2022 GRAZING BID INVITATION FORM

ATTENTION GRAZERS

Conservation grazing will be used to manage grassland habitat and improve conditions for nesting waterfowl. Information regarding each site and maps can be found on the District website: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/windom-wetland-management-district>. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Windom Wetland Management District (District) is now accepting bids for grazing on the following Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA):

Swan Lake WPA: Cottonwood County, MN, Dale Township, Section 12, 77 upland acres: 77 ac x 1 AU/Acre = 77 AU x 1 month = 77 AUM's

Storden WPA: Cottonwood County, MN, Storden Township Section 34, 160 upland acres: 160 ac x 1 AU/Acre = 160 AU x 1 month = 160 AUM's

Big Slough WPA: Murray County, MN, Slayton Township, Section 25, 132 upland acres: 132 ac x 1 AU/Acre = 132 AU x 1 month = 132 AUM's

Slaughter Slough WPA: Murray County, MN, Murray Township Section 10 & 11, 175 upland acres: 175 ac x 1 AU/Acre = 175 AU x 1 month = 175 AUM's

Devils Run WPA: Murray County, MN, Des Moines River Township Section 6, 121 upland acres: 121 ac x 1 AU/Acre = 121 AU x 1 month = 121 AUM's

Bloom WPA: Nobles County, MN, Bloom Township, Section 20, 85 upland acres: 85 ac x 1 AU/Acre = 85 AU x 1 month = 85 AUM's

Bids are to be at the District Headquarters Office no later than **4:00pm, March 21, 2022.**

You can mail, fax, email, text or walk in bids. Bids will be opened and the permittee selected by Wednesday March 23, 2022.

Grazer will be selected based on receipt of sealed high bid per Animal Unit Month (AUM). The Grazing Season will begin approximately May 1 and end around June 30. The plan is to graze each unit in 2022, 2023 and 2024. The bid includes installation and removal of temporary fencing. Grazers are responsible for all temporary fencing to keep cattle in designated area.

Depending on the number of bids, we may be able to reduce the grazing area to fit herd size.

Abbreviations: ac = acres, AU = Animal Units, AUM = Animal Unit Months



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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name (Proposal Submitter): _____

Partner Name (if applicable): _____

Name of Business or Farm: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ ☐ Work ☐ Cell

BID INFORMATION:

Write your bid amount for the corresponding Unit in the space provided below. If you are bidding on more than one unit complete a sheet for each unit.

Unit Name from previous page: _____

1). Amount bid per AUM is \$ _____

2). Amount of Animal Units you possess (AU) _____

Amount you should expect to pay for 1 month is line 1) x line 2) Total \$ _____

I have read and, if selected, agree to the permit conditions listed in the bid package. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- a. 2022 Windom WMD Grazing Regulations (see attached)
- b. A SPECIAL USE PERMIT will be written each year for the successful grazer, it will need to be signed and approved before any grazing is started.
- c. Livestock will be computed as follows:
 - 1 Mature Cow = 1 Animal Unit (AU)
 - 1 cow plus 1 sucking calf = 1.2 AU's
 - 1 Bull = 1.5 AU's

Any combination of the above that equals a total of animal Units will be acceptable
- d. Other Livestock can be excepted as grazers please discuss with Refuge (sheep, goat, horse etc.)

Contact Todd Hauge if there are any questions at 507-822-0326 (cell) or email at todd_hauge@fws.gov or Fax 507-831-5524

Ask before you bid, not afterwards.



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NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4).

Purpose: To collect the applicant's information to process permits allowing for commercial activities such as: guiding hunters, anglers or other outdoor users; commercial filming; agriculture; rental of cabins and trapping while on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Routine Uses: The information will be used by the refuge's administrative office for processing Commercial Activity Special Use permits. More information about the routine uses maybe found in the Systems of Records Notice, FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits.

Disclosure: Providing the information is voluntary. However, submission of information is required to process and approve commercial activity usage on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is required to obtain or retain a benefit; however, failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the Special Use Permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001). According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this information collection and assigned control number 1018-0102.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

The public reporting burden for this information collection varies based on the requested specific refuge use. We estimate the relevant public reporting burden for the Commercial Activity Special Use Permit Application form to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: AMAD-ARM-PPM, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email to Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed form to this address.

2022 WINDOM WMD GRAZING REGULATIONS

1. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reserves the right to modify or terminate the SUP if habitat conditions warrant.
2. Use of minerals (salt or protein) will be allowed. Permittee must provide product labeling to the Refuge Manager for approval prior to use. Minerals must be in a container that minimizes spillage and are easily moved and placed as required by the Refuge Manager.
3. Supplemental feeding will not be permitted, all supplements need prior Refuge Manager Approval.
4. All liability relating to livestock and livestock management to include all persons working for the permittee, whether related, hired or as a partner is strictly that of the permittee as listed on the SUP.
5. The permittee must have/acquire liability insurance that covers the livestock being grazed on Service Lands. A copy of the liability insurance must be provided to the Refuge Manager.
6. The permittee must be in compliance with the respective state and local livestock health regulations.
7. All equipment for grazing, including ATVs and UTVs, must be clean and free of invasive species plant material including seeds before entering any Refuge, Waterfowl Production Area (WPA), or Service easement. The Refuge Manager reserves the right to inspect and deny the use of any equipment/vehicle/horse etc. that appears to contain invasive species plant material or seeds.
8. The use of pesticides requires advance U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approval. The permittee shall provide the Refuge Manager with product labeling and/or the Material Safety Data Sheet 30 days prior to use to provide adequate time to determine approval or disapproval of the product. Permittee is required to report pesticide use if approved by **[September 1]**.
9. Any livestock management action including branding or dehorning on Service land must be approved in advance by the Refuge Manager.
10. Subletting is not allowed. As approved by the Refuge Manager, partnering with another rancher will be allowed should the number of livestock needed to achieve the desired outcome not be obtainable by a single rancher. If partnering is allowed, the initial permittee will be solely responsible for the total payment, management, liability, and all special conditions of the permit.
11. Fence maintenance is the responsibility of the permittee. All temporary fence needs to be removed at the end of the grazing plan. Any permanent fence constructed on National Wildlife Refuge System lands will become property of the Service.
12. Water will be available using area wetlands on Waterfowl Production Area. Methods of supplemental watering must be approved by the Refuge Manager.
13. The permittee must notify the Refuge Manager of deceased livestock. Deceased livestock must be removed from Service lands within 48 hours of discovery unless other arrangements have been approved by the Refuge Manager.
14. Following the completion of the final year of the permitted grazing season, removal of all temporary fencing and other equipment provided by the permittee is required. Failure to remove materials within 1 month after the completion of the final grazing season will result in a monetary fine and potential loss of consideration for future grazing permits.

15. Permittee must provide a tax identification number or SS# for billing purposes.

I have read the above grazing regulations and understand failure to comply could result in revocation of grazing privileges.

Permittee Signature_____Date_____



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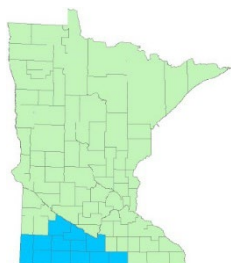
Swan Lake WPA

Total Acres: 150.0



Total Area Grazed
77 Acres

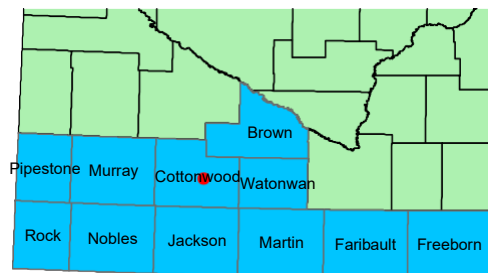
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Miles

- USFWS WPA
- Parking Lot
- Grazing Area



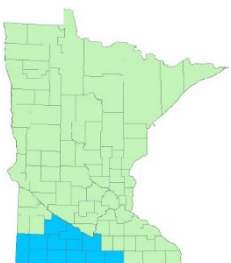
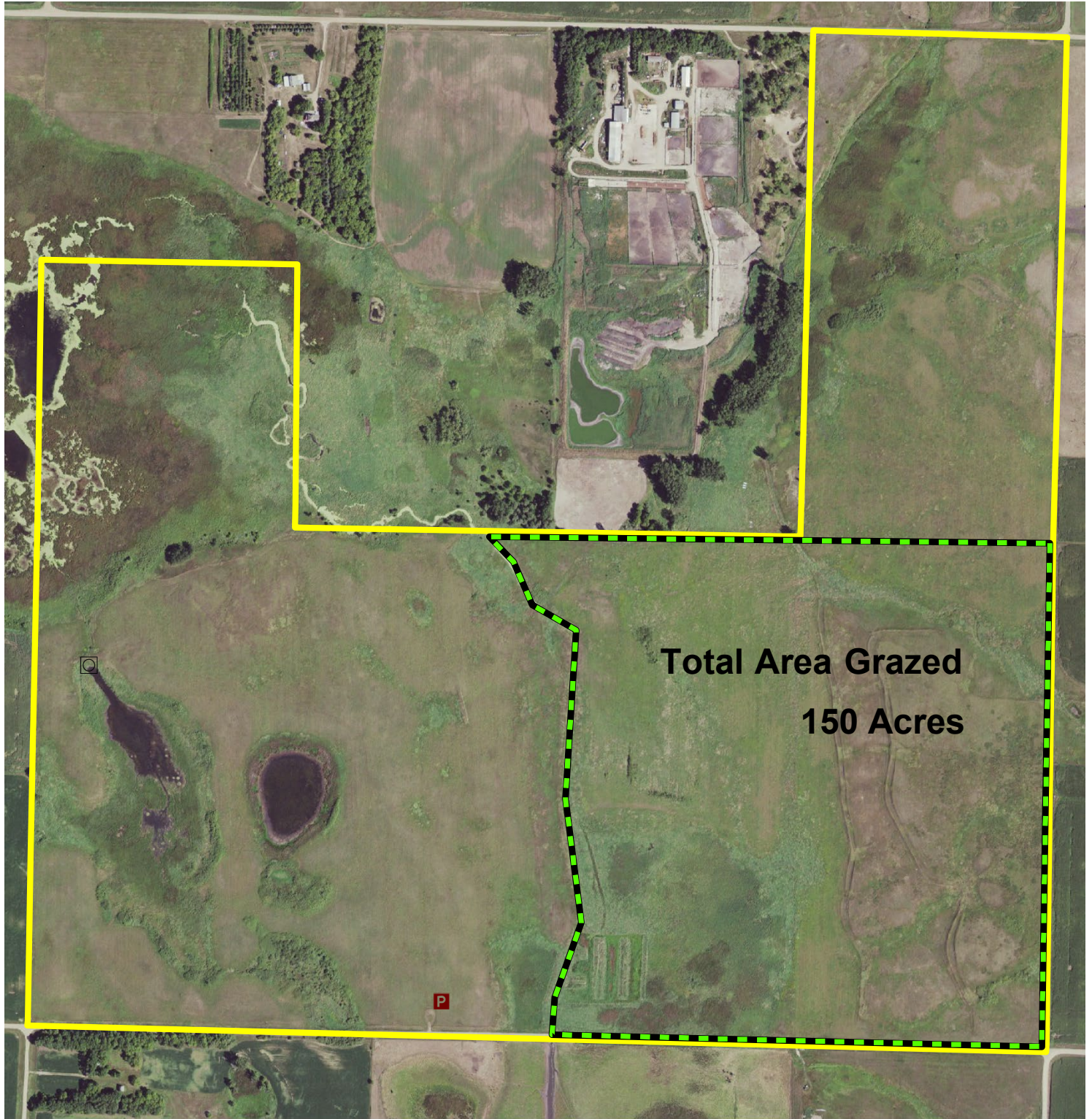


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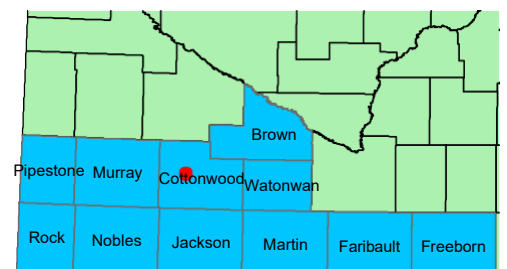
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Storden WPA

Total Acres: 440.0



- USFWS WPA
- Parking Lot
- Grazing Area



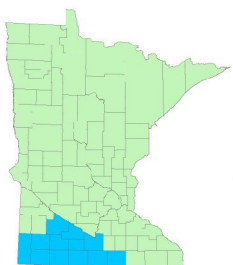
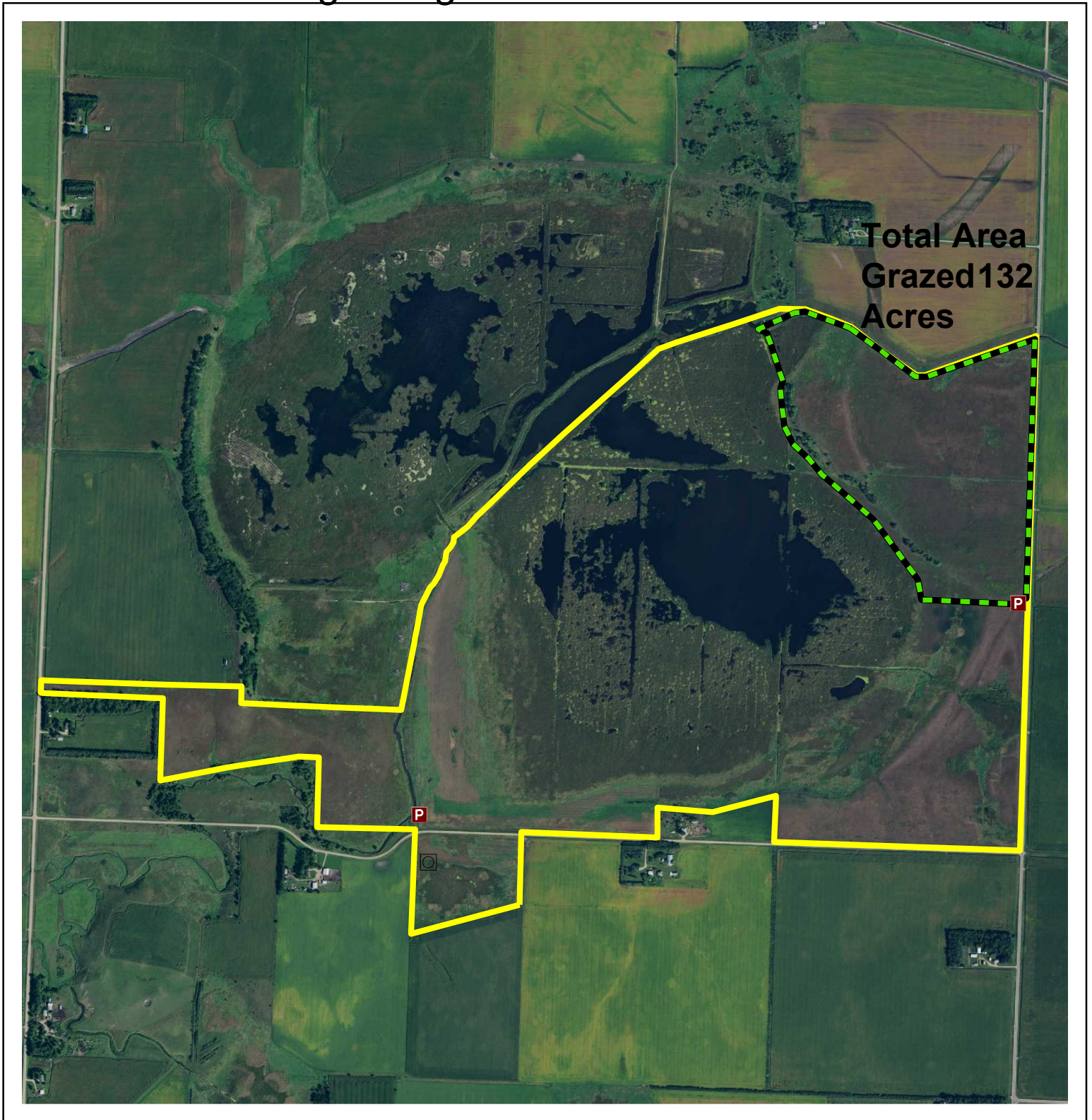


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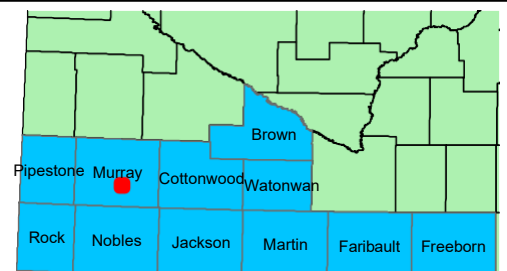
Big Slough WPA

Total Acres: 807.1



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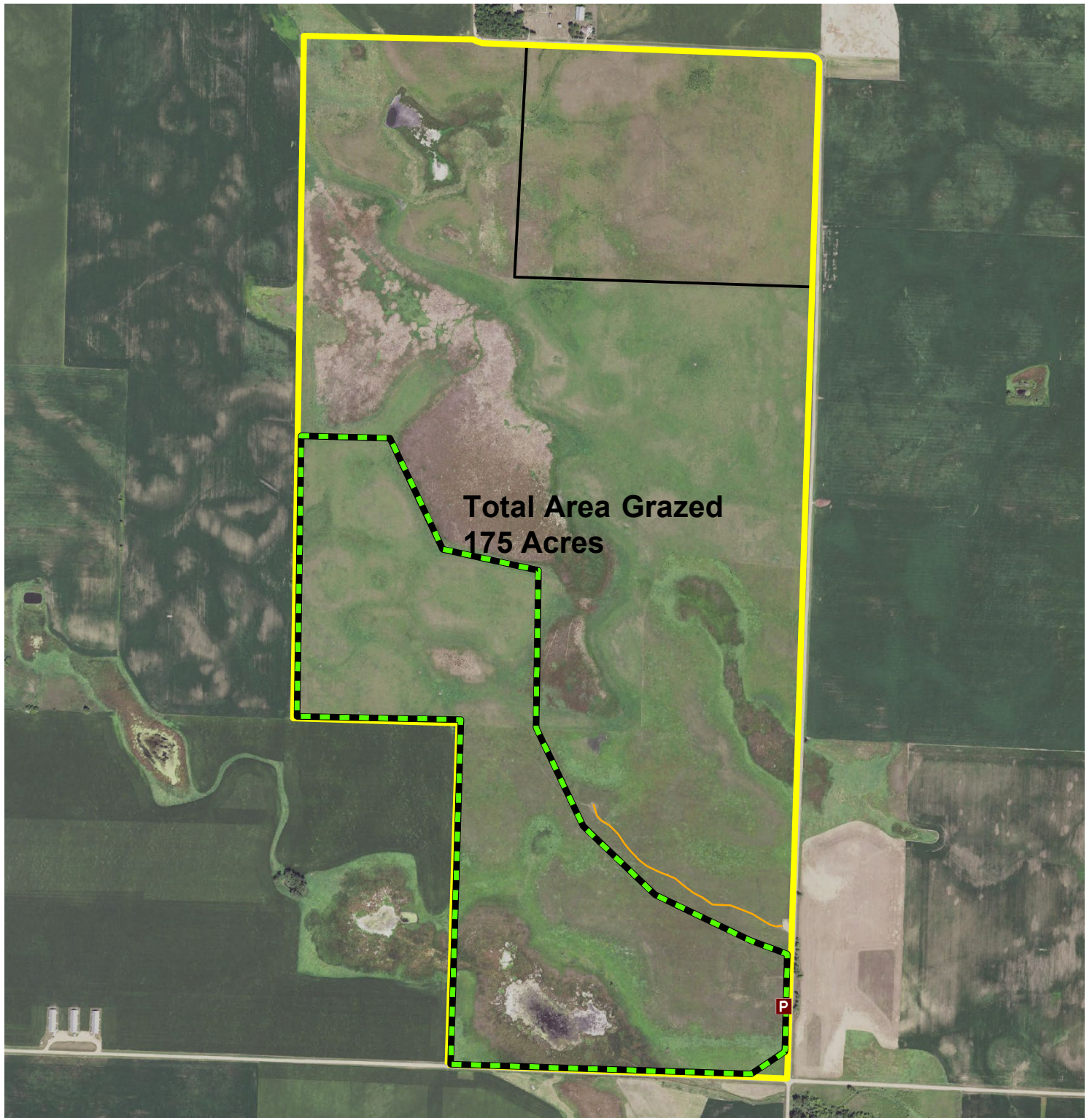
- USFWS WPA
- Parking Lot
- Grazing Area



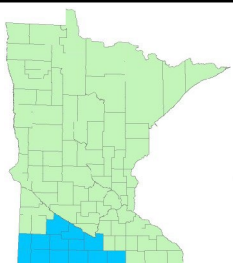


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Slaughter Slough WPA Total Acres: 640.0

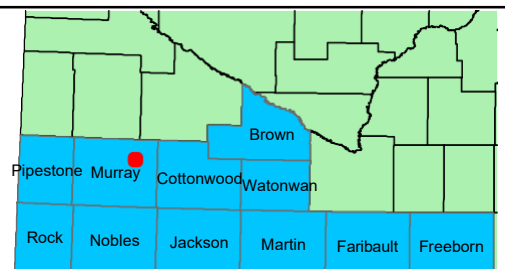


Total Area Grazed
175 Acres



Miles

- USFWS_WPA
- Trail
- Road
- Parking Lot
- Grazing Area



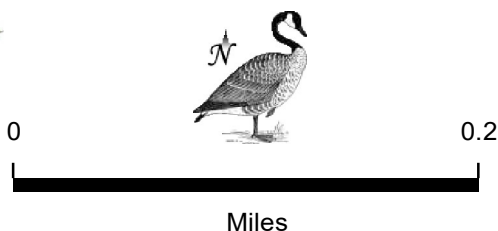
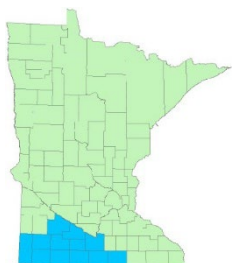


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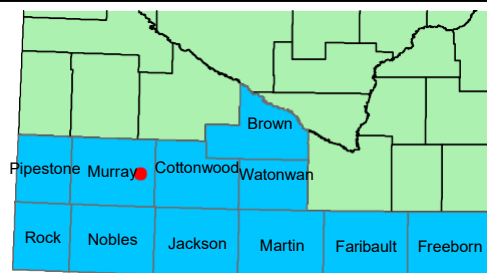
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Devils Run WPA

Total Acres: 155.64



- USFWS WPA
- Parking Lot
- Grazing Area



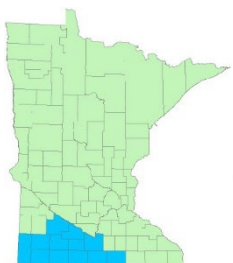


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Bloom WPA

Total Acres: 256.0



- USFWS WPA
- Parking Lot
- Grazing Area

