



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Kulm Wetland Management District

IN REPLY REFER TO:

FWS/R6/Kulm WMD Hay 2025

MAILING ADDRESS:

Post Office Box E
Kulm, North Dakota 58456

STREET LOCATION:

One First Street SW
Kulm, North Dakota 58456

July 10, 2025

Dear Interested Haying Cooperator:

Enclosed you will find a list and a map of Waterfowl Production Areas available for haying in the Kulm Wetland Management District. Not all portions of WPAs are open to haying in all cases. **Contact this office to request an aerial imagery map of those areas you are interested in placing a bid.** These unit maps can also be found on our website at fws.gov/refuge/kulm-wetland-management-district. All listed acreages are approximate depending on the amount of water/wet areas on the unit. GPS acreage will be determined after the unit is hayed.

Please review the enclosed 2025 Haying Regulations before bidding on the units. Haying may not begin until **August 1**. This date allows more late nesting waterfowl species to successfully complete the nesting process and young grassland birds to fledge before haying activities begin. Other important dates include: Hay cutting and baling period (August 1-21) and the equipment and bale removal date (September 15). Failure to remove hay and equipment by September 15 will result in forfeiture of future bidding privileges on haying units, issuances of a fine, and/or both.

Please be aware that you may bid on multiple hay units, however, if you are the high bidder on units in which we receive multiple bids, you will be limited to one unit of your choice. If you are the high bidder on one unit and the only bidder on another unit(s), you may hay all units.

Bids must be received in office by 3:30 pm on Monday, July 28, 2025. Bids may be submitted by mail, email, or personal delivery. No PHONE bids will be accepted. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, July 29th. The public is welcome to attend the opening at 9:00 am in the office.

Submit bids to: Mail: Kulm WMD Haying, P.O. Box E, Kulm, ND 58456
 Email: kulmwetlands@fws.gov
 Delivery: One 1st Street SW, Kulm, ND

If you have any questions regarding the bid process or about any of the Waterfowl Production Areas listed, please contact the office at (701) 647-2866.

Sincerely,

Krista Lundgren
Acting Wetland District Manager

**2025 HAYING REGULATIONS
KULM WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

1. To be eligible to bid, you must be a current livestock operator.
2. Haying operations may begin on August 1 unless otherwise noted.
3. Haying operations must be completed by August 21.
4. All bales and equipment must be removed from the WPA by September 15. Failure to remove hay and equipment will result in the loss of future bidding privileges and/or a violation notice with a fine.
- 5. Hay harvested from the WPA must be used in your personal livestock operations and cannot be sold, traded, or given away.**
6. You may bid on multiple units. However, you cannot combine units. If you are the successful bidder on more than one unit in which multiple bids are received, you will be limited to one tract of your choice.
7. If you are the sole bidder on more than one unit, you may reject only one area. You will be financially responsible for all other units for which you were the successful bidder.
8. Acreages are approximate and will vary depending on wetland expansion, noxious weeds, rocky areas, rough areas, and equipment capabilities. **Your bid should reflect the entire unit depicted on the map, not on listed acreages.**
- 9. All weedy areas within the specified unit must be cut, baled, and the bales removed from the WPA. Exceptions to this are leafy spurge and yellow toadflax. These areas must be cut, but the hay can be left lying.**
10. Vehicle travel to and from the hay areas should be limited to one trail. Do not drive over un-mowed areas on the WPA.
11. Any fences or gates which are altered for access must be repaired/replaced to their original condition. Close all gates when bales are removed from the unit.
12. Excessive haying outside the unit boundaries will result in payment of twice the bid price and revocation of future haying privileges.
13. Payment due for hay will be calculated after the haying has been completed. A bill for collection will be sent to you with directions to make payments.
14. Failure to pay the bill will result in loss of future bidding privileges, and you will be subject to late fees and/or Collections.
15. In cases where no bids were received for units, the Kulm WMD reserves the right to contact and offer the area to any person or applicant at a manager's discretion after the bid opening.
16. Minimum bids for hay will be \$15.00/acre. This price is selected based on the three year average hay price listed in the "USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service- North Dakota – County Rents and Values." Prices are adjusted due to August 1-21 haying date; reduced protein value, and above normal litter amounts.

Bids must be received at the Kulm Wetland Management District office by 3:30 PM on **July 28th.** Bids will be accepted by mail, email, or hand delivery. Mailed or delivered bids must be in a sealed envelope. **No PHONE bids will be accepted.** Any envelopes should be marked **WPA Hay Bid.**

ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF HAY PERMIT AND FORFEITURE OF FUTURE HAY BIDDING PRIVILEGES.

THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

If you have any questions on the haying units or regulations, please contact us at the address or phone number below with any questions:

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Kulm, North Dakota 58456
701-647-2866 | kulmwetlands@fws.gov

WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREA HAY BID FORM

I have read, understand, and agree to the regulations, conditions, and eligibility requirements for haying privileges and submit this bid accordingly.

Hay Unit: _____

Hay Bid: _____

(MINIMUM BID: \$ 15.00/ACRE) (The use of dollars and cents per acre will ensure that bids are not tied)

Signature

Date

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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