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# NEWS RELEASE

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The following News Release is available for immediate release.

**Public Scoping Meeting will be held to discuss use of Glyphosate tolerant corn and soybeans on National Wildlife Refuge lands in 16 States in the Mountain-Prairie and Great Lakes-Big Rivers Regions and the use of farming as a management tool in the 8 Midwest states**

National Wildlife Refuge Staff are currently evaluating the use of glyphosate tolerant corn and soybeans for habitat management purposes in 16 States in the Mountain-Prairie and Midwest Regions. Glyphosate tolerant, often referred to as Roundup Ready, corn and soybeans have been genetically modified through insertion of a gene which allows the plant to tolerate applications of glyphosate. When applied to nearly all other species of growing plants, glyphosate kills the plant. The use of glyphosate tolerant crops allows for the effective control and elimination of noxious weeds and other undesirable plants prior to the area being reseeded or allowed to revegetate to more desirable species.

Staff are also interested in your comments for an additional effort to evaluate long term use of farming as a management tool on National Wildlife Refuges in the 8 states of the Midwest. Farming on these refuges has been conducted for the management of habitats, control of invasive plants, moist soil rejuvenation, wildlife feeding and observation. Additional Information will be available at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/FarmingNEPA/> .

A Public Scoping meeting is planned for June 17th in Fergus Falls, MN at the Prairie Wetland Learning Center, 602 Hwy 210 East, from 3PM to 6PM. You are invited to drop by anytime from 3PM to 6PM to get more information or give your comments to District Staff.

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