U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

News Release

Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge
1710 360th Street
Titonka, IA 50480

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 21, 2023

Contact:
Refuge Staff at 515-928-2523

Union Slough NWR Taking Bids for Hay Harvest

Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge is soliciting sealed bids (per harvested ton) for hay harvest on four tracts of land to be harvested in August 2023. The tracts are located in Kossuth County as follows: Burt Township: Sec 2, Portland Township: Sec 21, Prairie Township: Sec 30, and Ramsey Township: Sec 29.

Bidders must place bids on forms provided by the Refuge and submit them in a sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying." Bid forms and maps are available at the refuge headquarters and on the Union Slough NWR website at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/union_slough/. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Bid forms must be received at the refuge headquarters by close of business (4 pm) on Thursday, August 3rd, 2023 to be eligible. The bid opening will take place at the refuge headquarters on Friday, August 4th, 2023 at 10 am. Bidders are encouraged to attend, but do not need to be present. The successful bidder(s) will be contacted by phone if they are not present. The refuge headquarters is located 6 miles east of Bancroft, Iowa on County Road A-42. Please call (515) 928-2523 with any questions.

For more information on the Midwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service visit http://midwest.fws.gov.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name (Proposal Submitter): _____

Partner Name (if applicable): _____

Name of Business or Farm: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Tax ID #: _____ Phone Number: _____ ☐ Work ☐ Cell

E-mail Address: _____

BID INFORMATION: *Write your bid amount for the corresponding Unit in the space provided below:*

Unit Name: Bobolink WPA, part of W1/2Section 2 Burt Twp. Approximately 10 acres to be cut in August 2023. Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying."

I bid _____ per harvested ton for 2023 hay.

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Bobolink Hay Unit - Kossuth Co Iowa
Part of W1/2 Sect 2 Burt Twp +/- 7 acres

Legend

- Field Entryways
- Sections
- Area to be hayed

0 550 1,100 2,200 Feet

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BID INFORMATION: *Write your bid amount for the corresponding Unit in the space provided below:*

Unit Name: Dickcissel WPA, part of E1/2SW1/4Section 29 Ramsey Twp. Approximately 16 acres to be cut in August 2023. Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying."

I bid _____ per harvested ton for 2023 hay.

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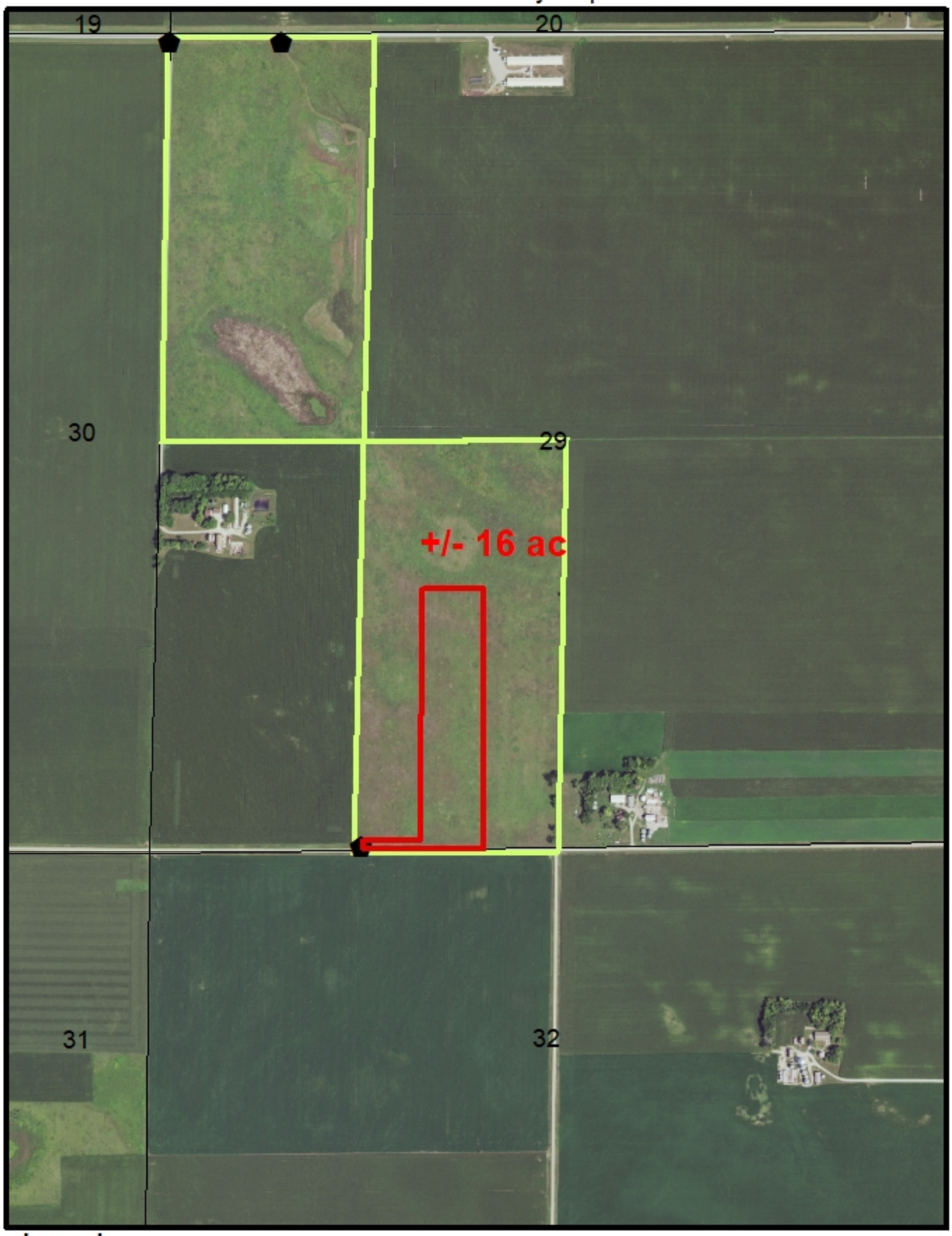
Dickcissel WPA south Hay Unit - Kossuth Co Iowa
Part of SW 1/4 Sect 29 Ramsey Twp +/- 16 acres



Legend

- Field Entryways
- Sections
- Area to be hayed

0 600 1,200 2,400 Feet

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Unit Name: Prairie Smoke WPA (Rahm tract), part of SW1/4Section 30 Ramsey Twp. Approximately 4 acres to be cut in August 2023. Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying."

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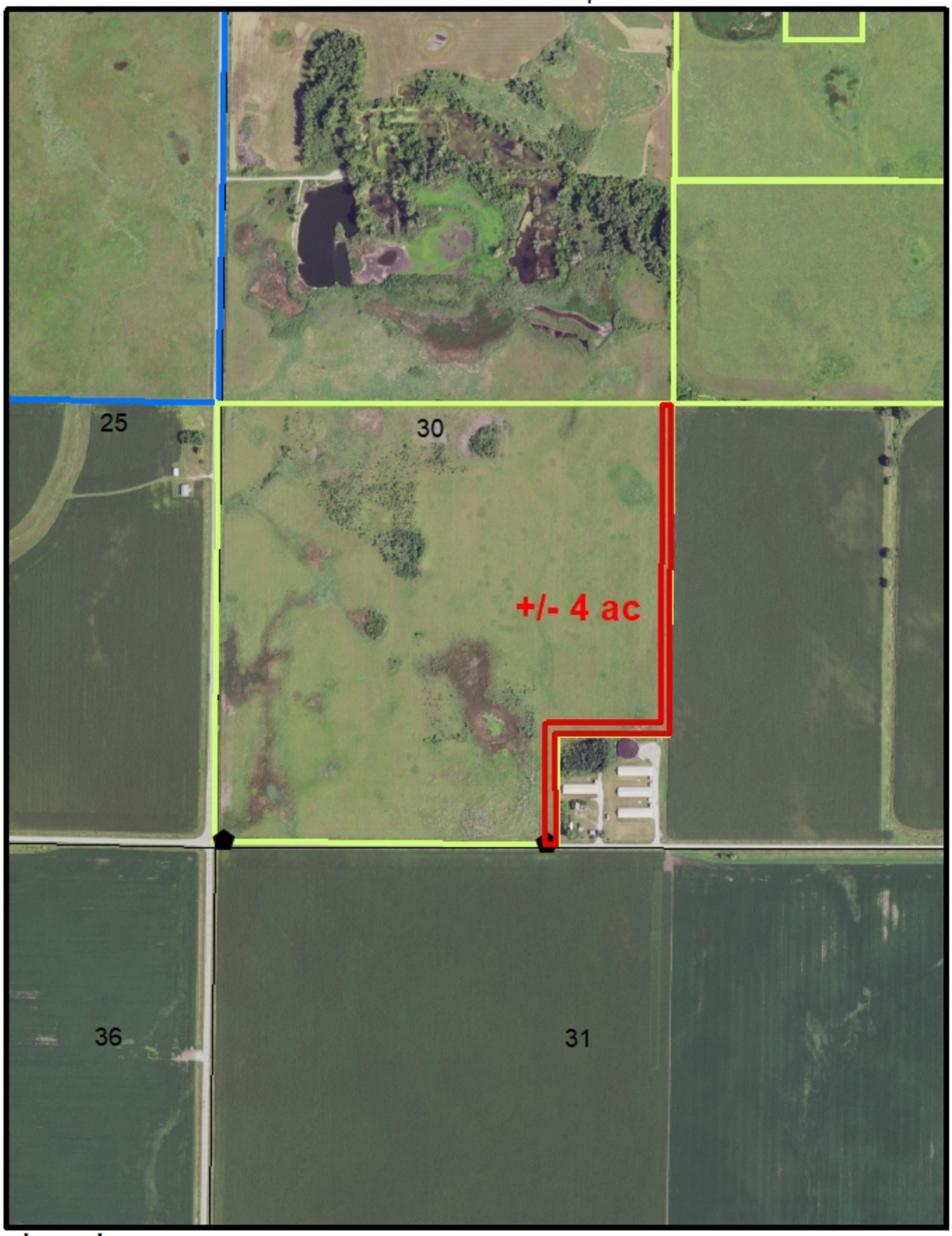

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- Field Entryways
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Unit Name: Wapiti WPA, part of Section 21 Burt Twp. Approximately 4.5 acres to be cut in August 2023. Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying."

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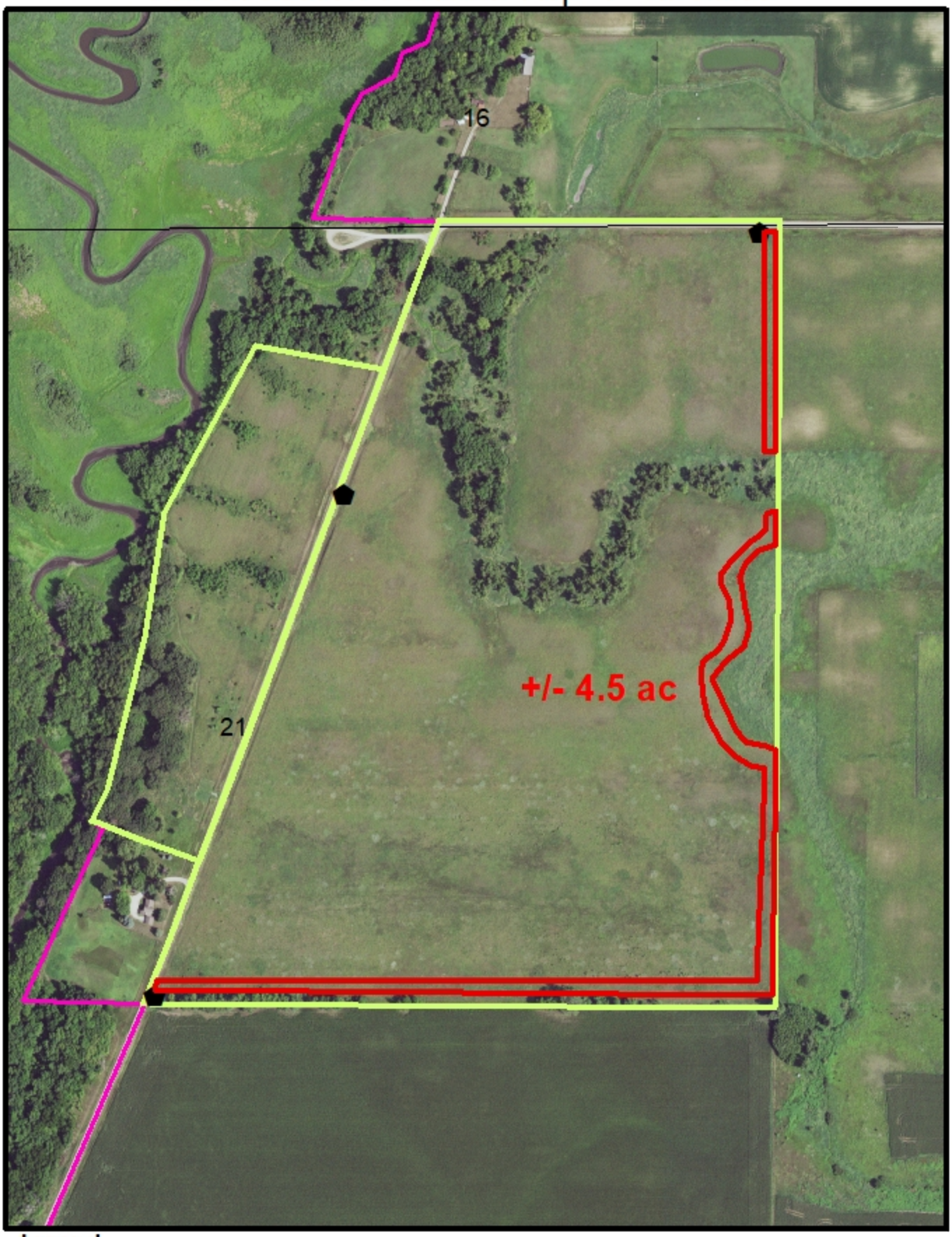
Wapiti WPA Hay Unit - Kossuth Co Iowa
Part of Sect 21 Portland Twp +/- 4.5 acres



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0 315 630 1,260 Feet

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