



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
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In Reply Refer to:
FWS/R6/LL Grazing

Dear *Applicant*,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service(Service) is seeking applicants for grazing through Cooperative Agreements (CAA). Service policy requires an open, transparent, and competitive process for awarding CAA's. As in the past few years, we will be using the competitive ranking system to award grazing permits.

If you are interested in applying for a grazing permit, you must return the application(s) to the Long Lake NWR by March 13, 2026. Cooperators will be selected based on answers provided within the application. Applicants who receive the highest score for a particular unit will be awarded a Special Use Permit. Grazing rates and deductions will be determined similar to previous years, i.e. deductions are given for temporary fencing, boundary fence repair, etc. Please be advised, falsifying information on the ranking application will result in forfeiture of the application.

As in previous years, each cooperator will be limited to grazing a total of two units or 750 acres grazed maximum per year, whichever comes first. The only exception to this will be if no other applications for a unit are received, at which time an applicant who has already applied for and received two units will be eligible for additional unit(s). If you have grazed on more than two units in the past, please rank the units in your order of preference. If no other applications are received for the remaining units, we will contact you after March 16, 2026. ***Please note: Individual applications are required for each unit.***

All applications must be returned to the Long Lake NWR by March 13, 2026 to be considered. Cooperators will be selected for each unit beginning March 16, 2026 and all applicants will be notified of their application status by March 20, 2026.

Color maps of units may be found on our website: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/long_lake/

Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge Complex 2026 Grazing Units

<u>Unit</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Approximate Grazing Acres</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Approximate Grazing Days</u>	<u>Animals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Term</u>
Basaraba	Burleigh	263	15-May	60	100 pairs	143-77-20,21	1 year
Bechold	Kidder	155	15-May	45	90 pairs	141-70-29	1 year
Braun	Kidder	126	15-May	30	100 pairs	143-70-23	1 year
Crimmins	Burleigh	303	15-May	90	75 pairs	144-76-29,30	1 year
East Lost Lake	Burleigh	164	15-May	40	100 pairs	144-79-23	1 year
Florence Lake NWR	Burleigh	353	15-May	100	75 pairs	144-76-16,21	1 year
Ghylin*	Burleigh	148	15-Jun	40	75 pairs	143-77-27	1 year
Kurtz	Emmons	145	15-May	35	100 pairs	134-76-3	1 year
LLNWR G1/4a	Burleigh	236	1-May	75	75 pairs	138-75-25,26	1 year
LLNWR G4a/b/c	Burleigh	537	15-May	120	100 pairs	137-75-5,6,7	1 year
LLNWR G7b/8/9a*	Burleigh	379	1-May	75	100 pairs	137-76-15,23	1 year
LLNWR G19*	Kidder	237	15-May	70	75 pairs	138-74-33	1 year
LLNWR G23	Kidder	148	1-May	35	100 pairs	138-74-25	1 year
Mayer	Kidder	135	15-May	40	80 pairs	142-73-9	1 year
Nelson**	Kidder	105	20-Aug	30	60 pairs	141-71-8	5 year
Oswald	Burleigh	240	15-May	55	100 pairs	142-75-19	1 year
Personius-Whitman	Kidder	400	15-May	60	80 pairs	141-72-12,13	1 year
Rath	Burleigh	385	15-May	90	100 pairs	143-75-20,21	1 year
Ryberg	Burleigh	198	15-May	45	100 pairs	143-75-6	1 year
Schiermeister	Emmons	85	15-May	40	50 pairs	133-78-5	1 year
Sisco	Emmons	211	15-May	50	100 pairs	136-74-11	1 year
Slade NWR* ***	Kidder	573	15-May	100	75 pairs	139-72-23,24,25	5 year
Thacker	Kidder	34	15-May	35	25 pairs	143-72-4	1 year
Victor	Burleigh	161	15-May	40	75 pairs	139-77-30	1 year
Vogel*	Kidder	95	21-Jun	35	75 pairs	144-70-22,27	1 year
Weiszhaar	Emmons	52	15-May	25	50 pairs	131-78-1	1 year

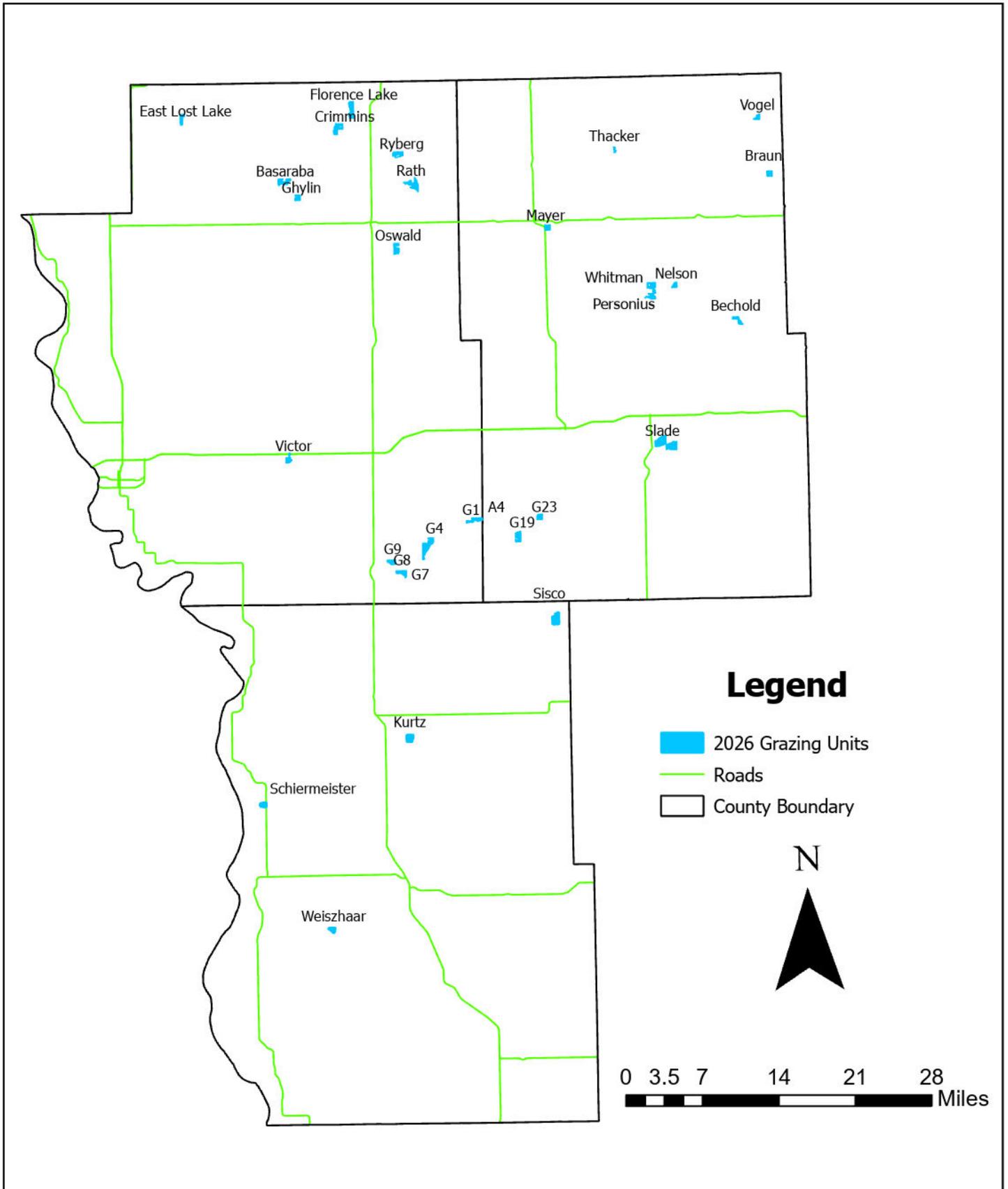
*Prescribed Burn planned for all or part of the unit

**Nelson Unit requires cooperator to construct new boundary fence with reimbursement for labor

***Slade NWR requires cooperator to enter cost-share agreement for construction of water well and tanks

Long Lake Refuge Complex Grazing Units 2026

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Must be returned to the Long Lake NWR by close of business March 13, 2026

LONG LAKE GRAZING APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (C) _____

EMAIL: _____

UNIT NAME _____

Class of Animal	Factor
Yearling (9-18 mo)	0.70
Weaner Calf	0.50
Bull	1.50
Mature sheep or goat	0.20
Ewe w/lamb or nanny w/kid	0.30
Horse or mule	1.20
Bison	1.00
Cow/calf pair	1.20

Competitive Ranking Factor

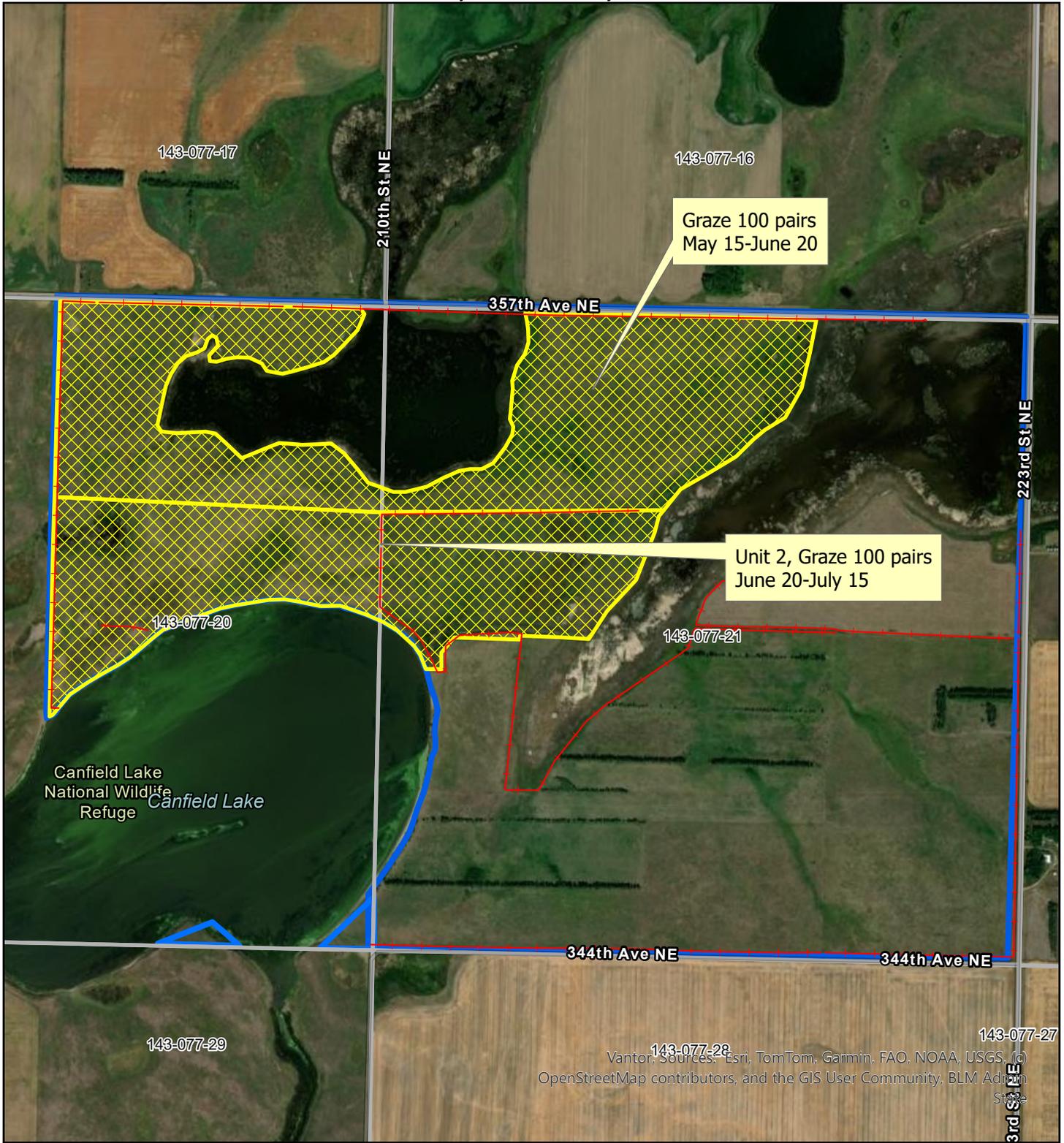
Yes

No

Competitive Ranking Factor	Yes	No
1. In the last three years have you been involved with the planning, infrastructure maintenance and/or grazing management on this unit?		
2. Have you ever had grazing privileges revoked by the USFWS?		
3. Do you own or rent grazing lands immediately adjacent to this unit?		
4. Are you able to respond to an animal or infrastructure emergency within 2 hours (e.g. cattle outside unit)?		
5. Are you willing to follow prescribed grazing management based on vegetation utilization which may vary from year to year?		
6. Do you have the number of grazing animals needed to meet grazing objective?		
7. Can you demonstrate that you have followed a rotational grazing program in the past on your own or rented land?		
8. Are you willing to maintain fences and remove temporary fences at the end of the grazing season? (boundary fence materials may be provided by the Refuge)?		
9. Are you willing to provide water to grazing unit that may not have a reliable water source?		
10. Are you willing to control noxious weeds according to FWS specs if requested?		
11. Are you willing to mow the ROW adjacent to maintained county or township road as requested by the FWS?		

Questions 9, 10 & 11 will only be included if manager anticipates asking cooperators to perform those tasks.

2026 Grazing
 Basaraba WPA, Burleigh Co.
 263 Acres
 T. 143 N., R. 77 W., Sec. 20 & 21



Graze 100 pairs
 May 15-June 20

Unit 2, Graze 100 pairs
 June 20-July 15

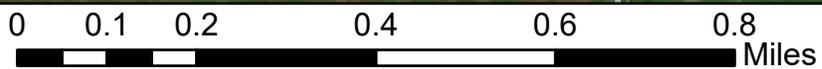
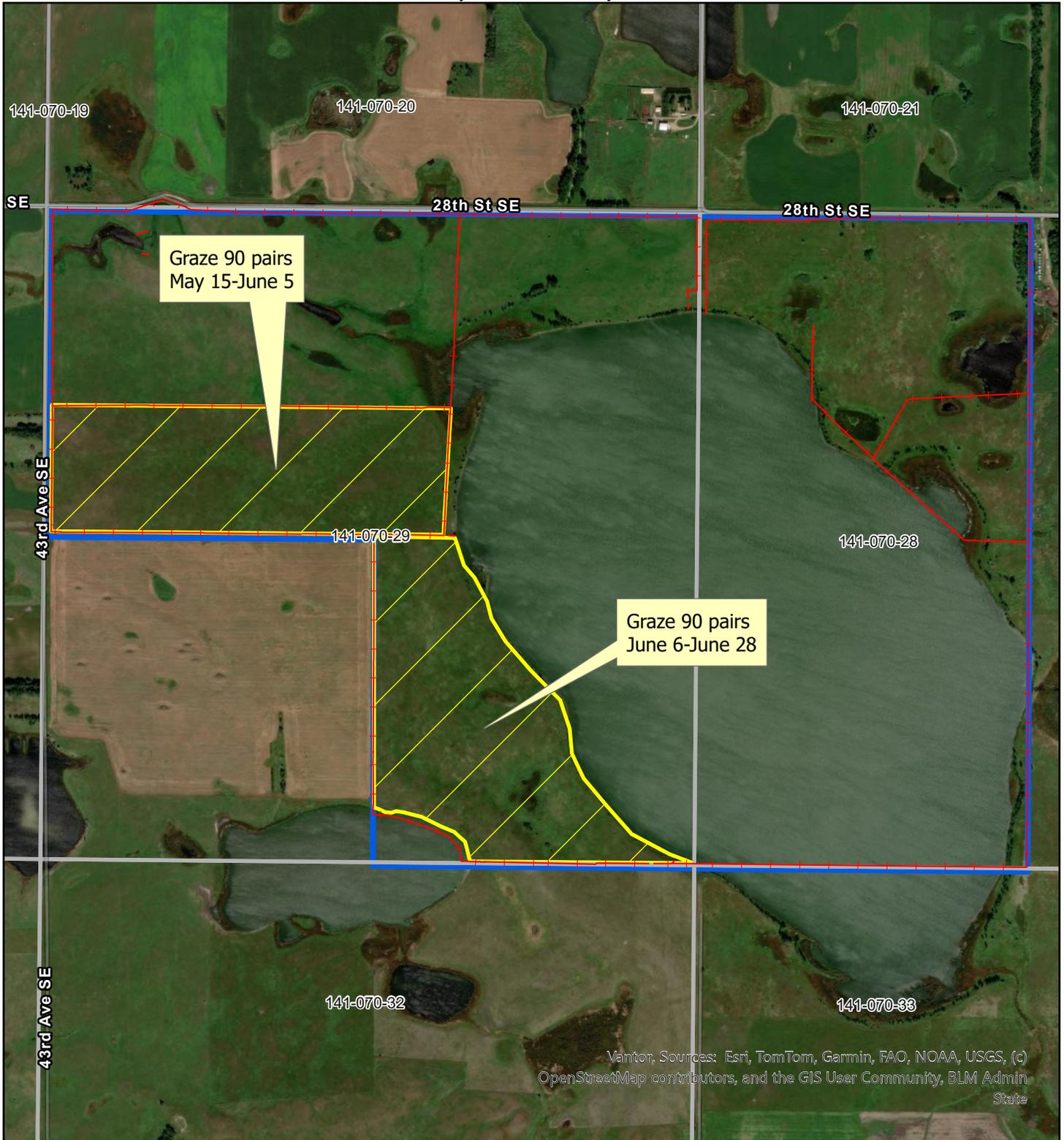
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 Stage



- Fences
- FWS Boundary
- 2026 Grazing Units



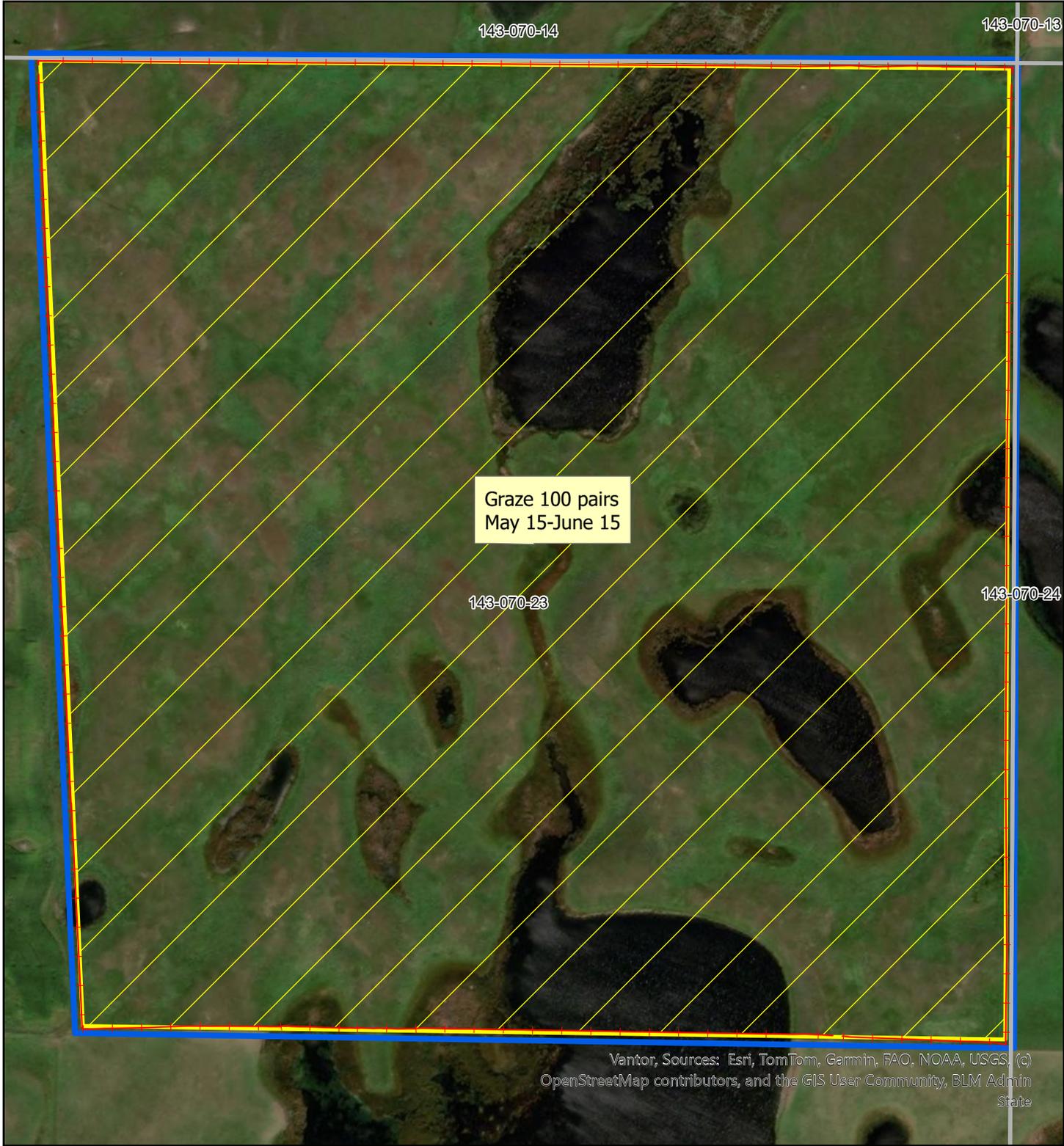
2026 Grazing
Bechold WPA, Kidder Co.
76 & 79 Acres
T. 141 N., R. 70 W., Sec. 29



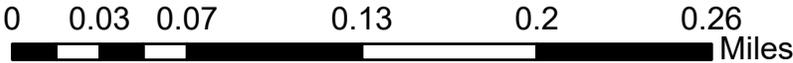
- Fences
- ▨ 2026 Grazing Units
- ▭ WPA Boundary



2026 Grazing
Braun WPA, Kidder Co.
126 Acres
T. 143 N., R. 70 W., Sec. 23, NW1/4



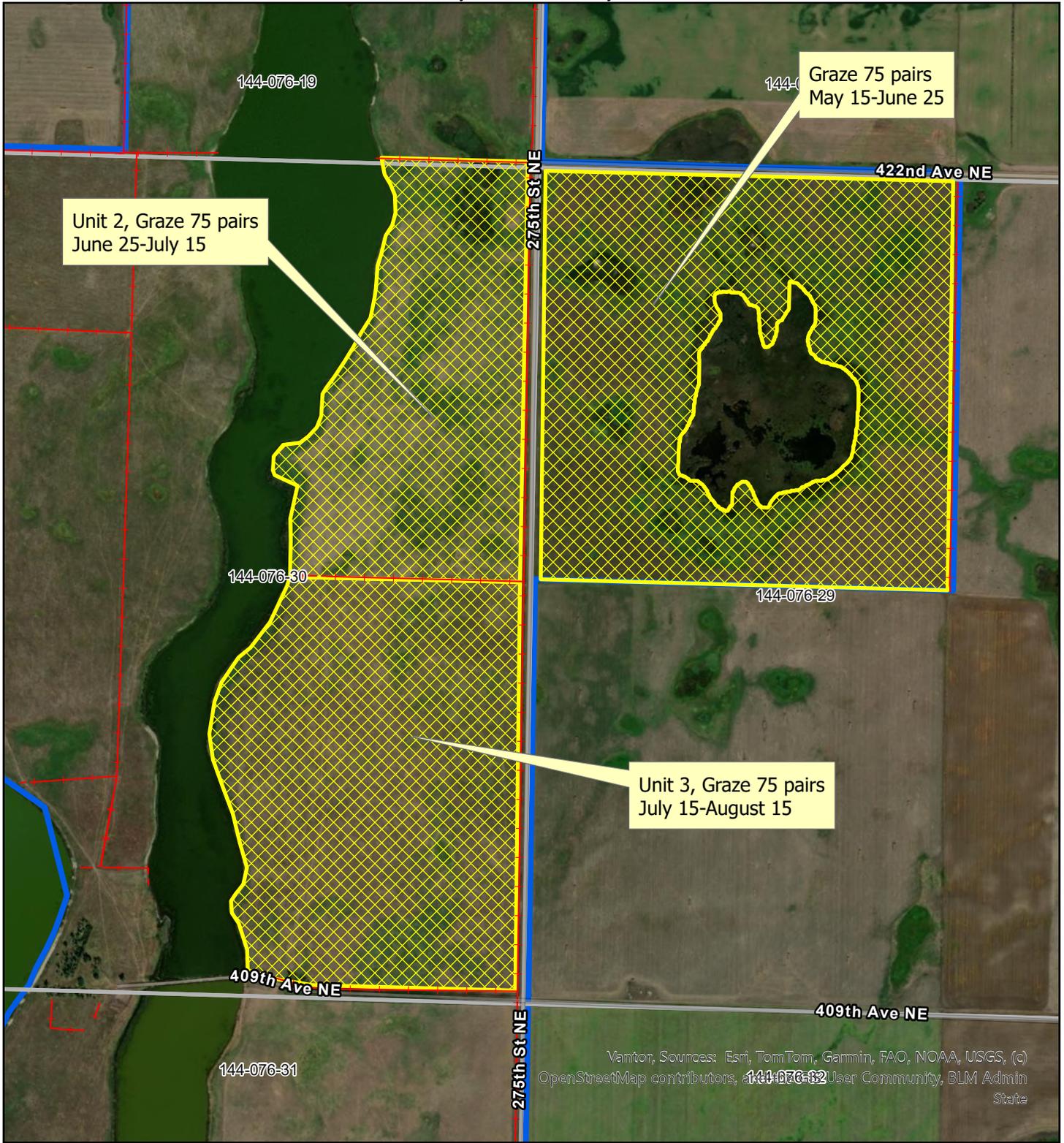
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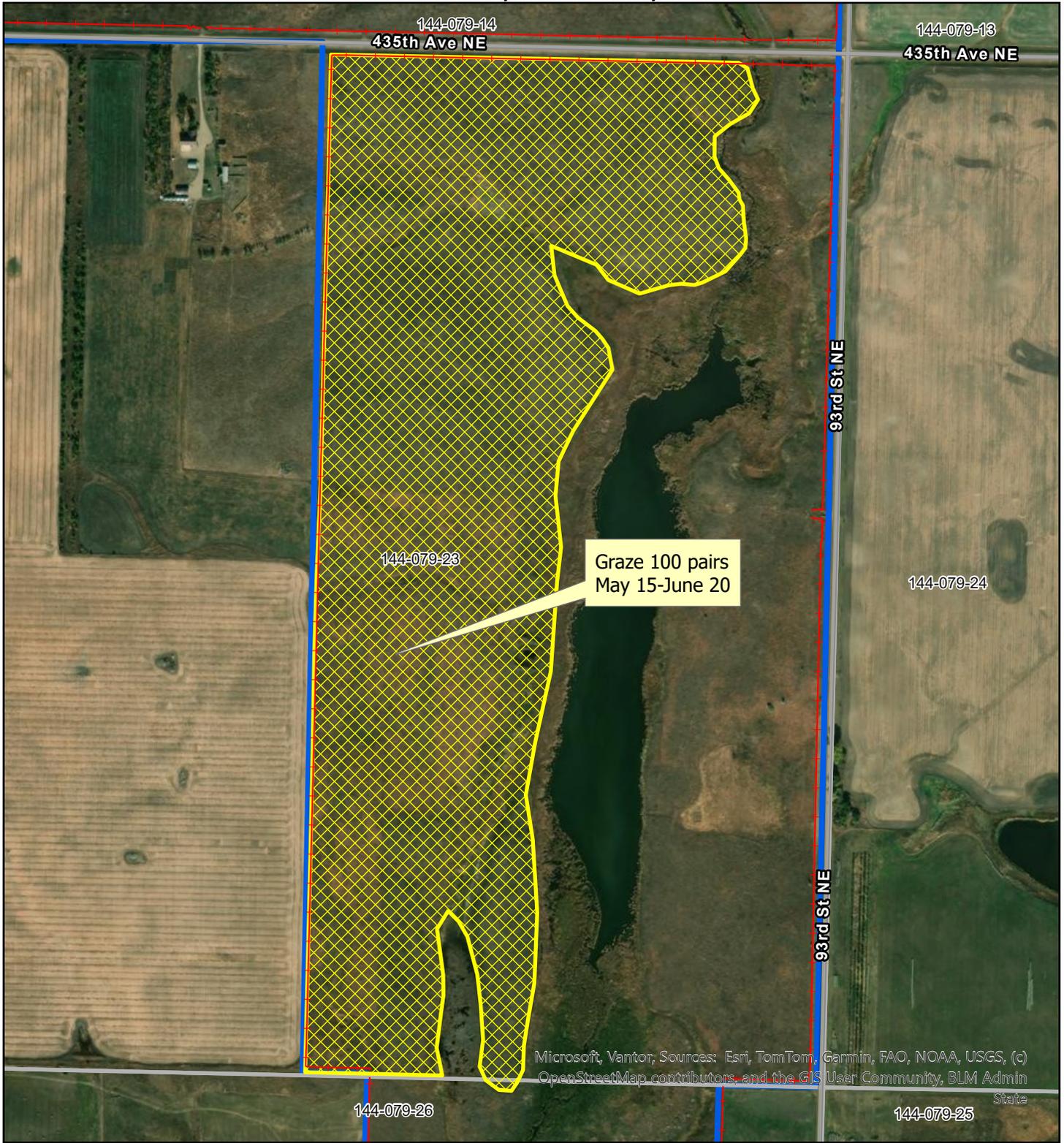
2026 Grazing
Crimmins WPA, Burleigh Co.
303 Acres
T. 144 N., R. 76 W., Sec. 29 & 30



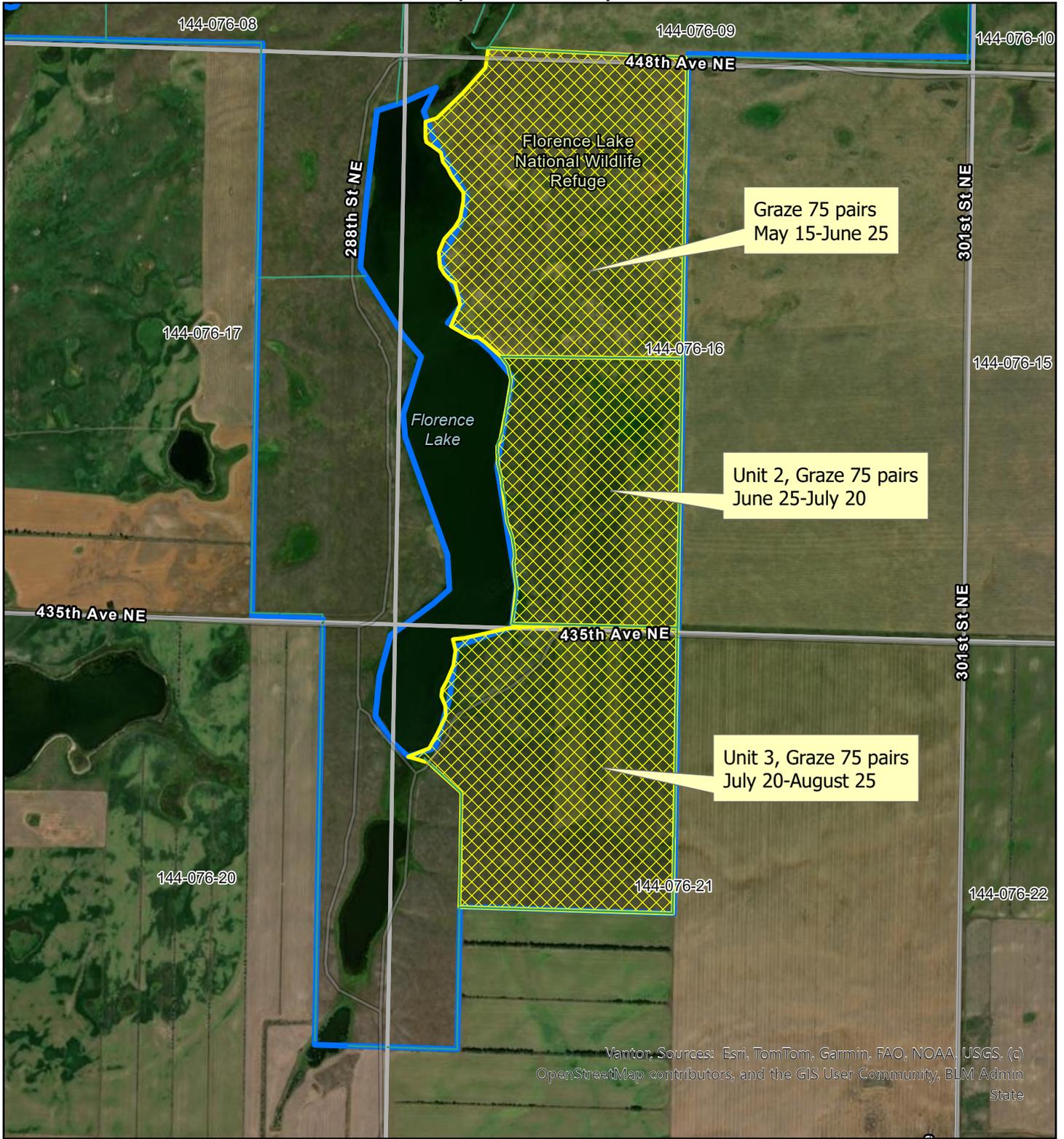
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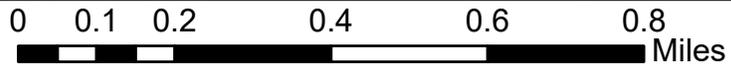
2026 Grazing
East Lost Lake WPA, Burleigh Co.
164 Acres
T. 144 N., R. 79 W., Sec. 23



2026 Grazing Florence Lake NWR, Burleigh Co. 353 Acres T. 144 N., R. 76 W., Sec. 16 & 21



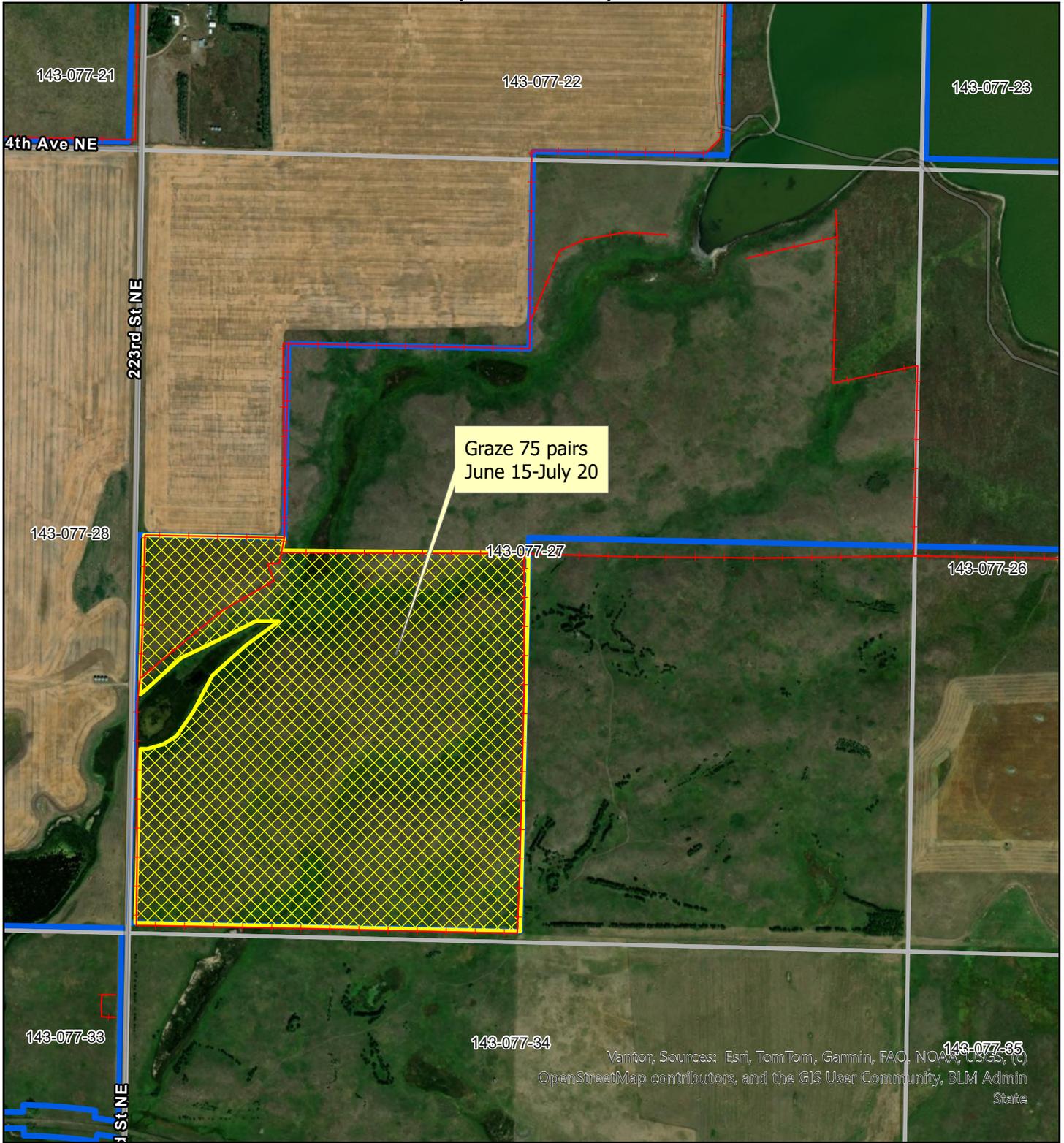
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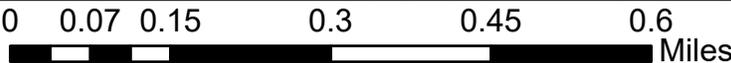
- + Fences
- FWS Boundary
- 2026 Grazing Units



2026 Grazing
Ghylin WPA, Burleigh Co.
148 Acres
T. 143 N., R. 77 W., Sec. 27



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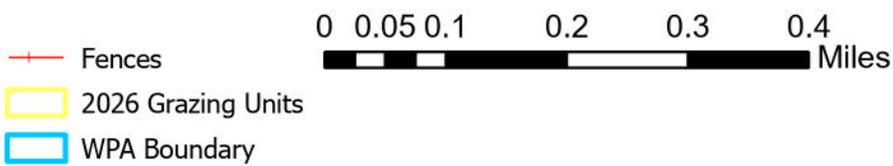
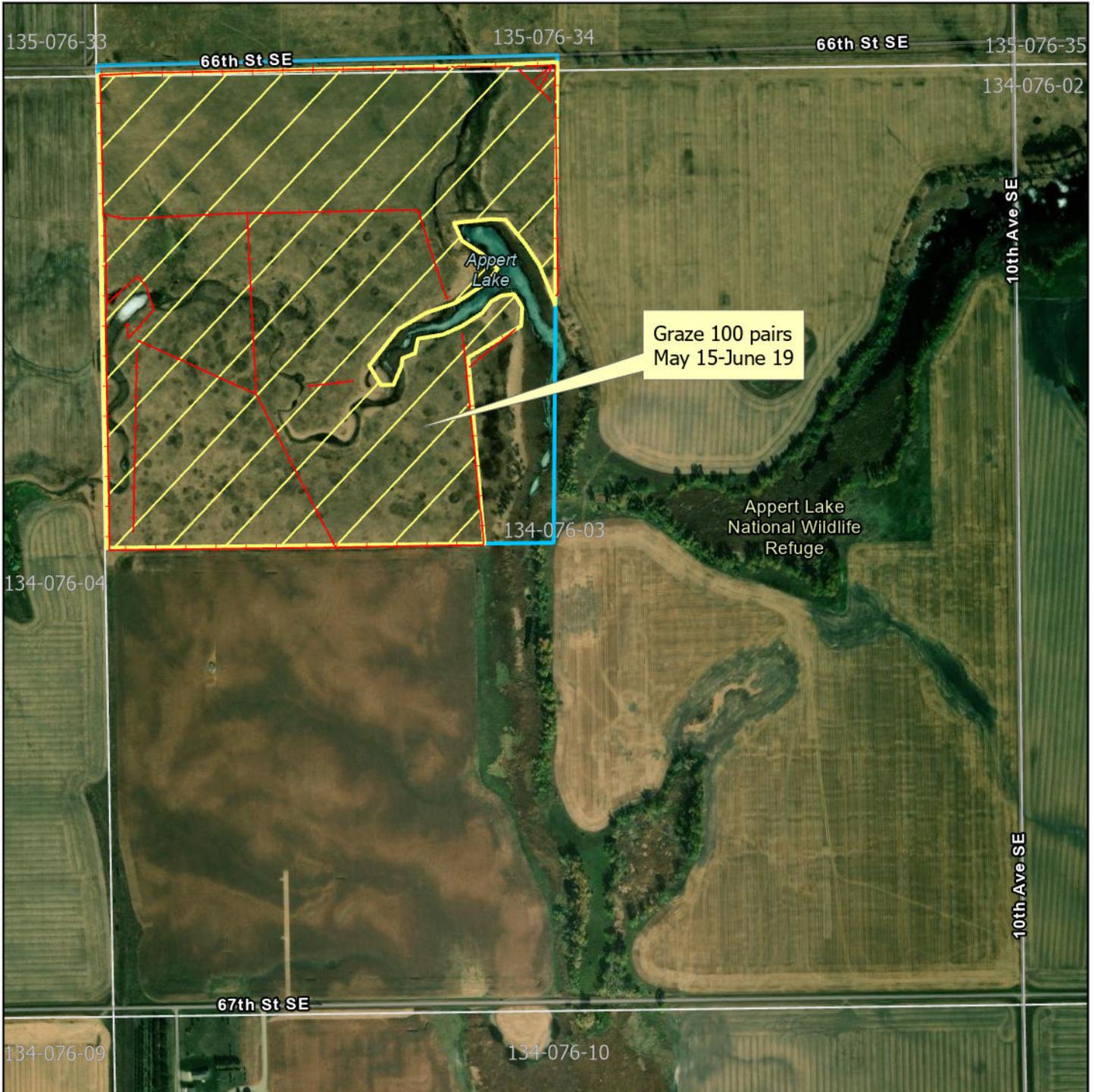


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- ▨ 2026 Grazing Units

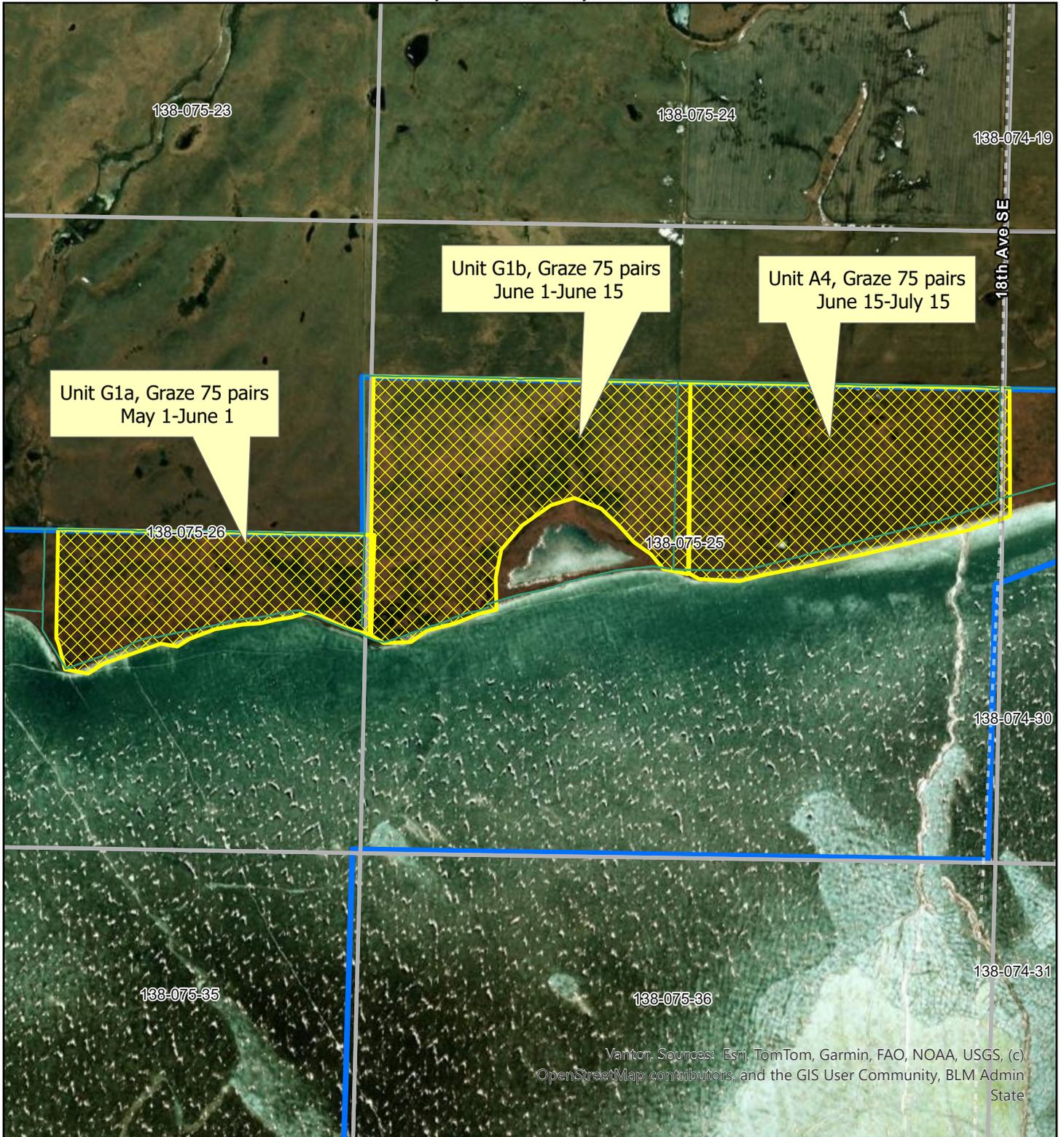
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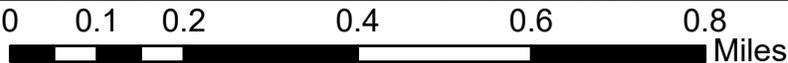
2026 Grazing
Kurtz WPA, Emmons Co.
145 Acres
T. 134 N., R. 76 W., Sec. 3



2026 Grazing
Long Lake Unit G1a/1b/A4, Burleigh Co.
236 Acres
T. 138 N., R. 75 W., Sec. 25 & 26



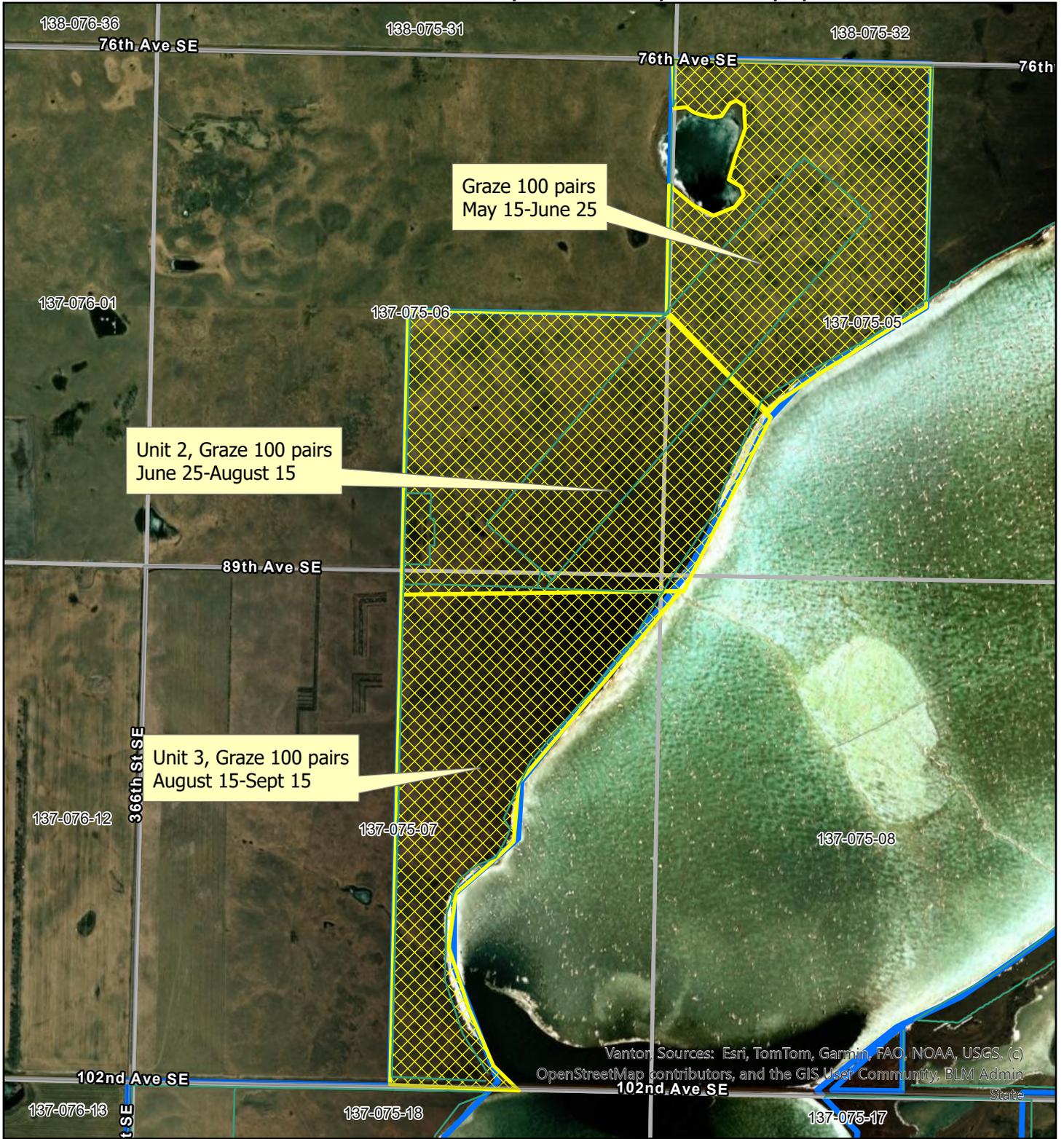
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- Fences
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2026 Grazing
Long Lake Unit G4a/b/c, Burleigh Co.
161 Acres
T. 137 N., R. 75 W., Sec. 5,6,7

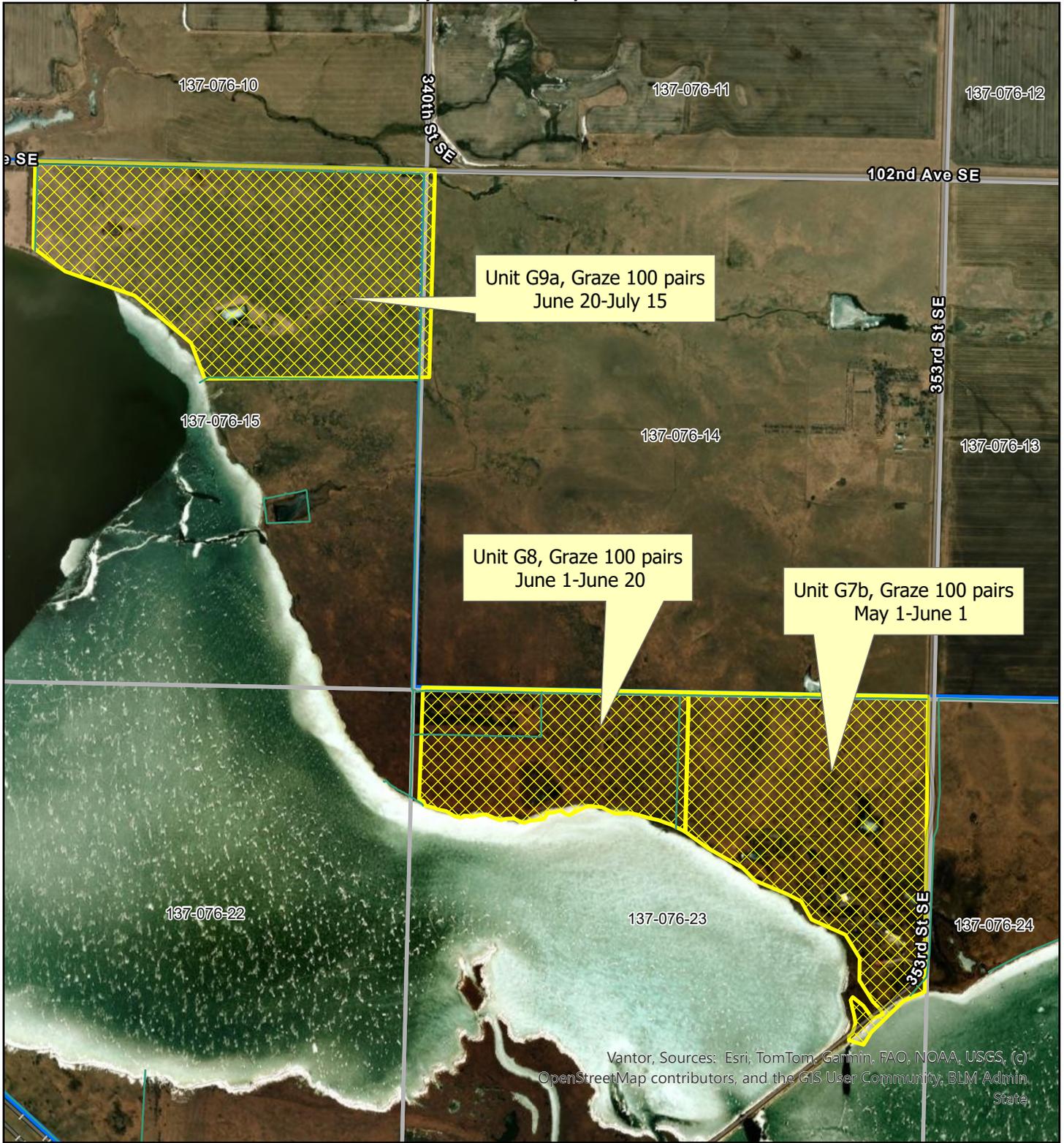


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2026 Grazing
Long Lake Unit G7b/8/9a, Burleigh Co.
379 Acres
T. 137 N., R. 76 W., Sec. 15 & 23



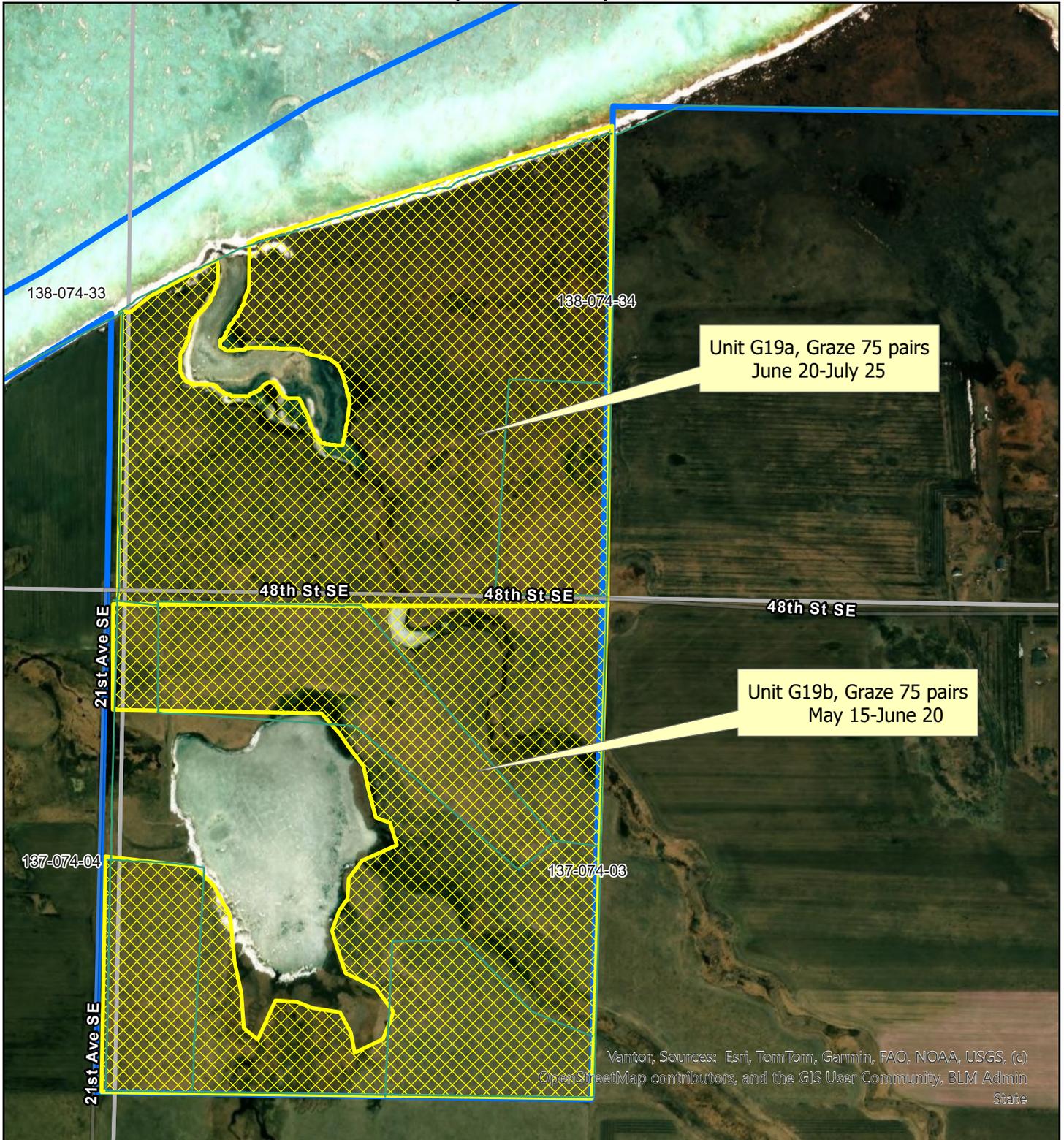
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- Fences
- FWS Boundary
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A prescribed fire is planned for Unit G9a in May 2026, grazing dates could change due to vegetation response to the fire.



2026 Grazing
Long Lake Unit G19a/19b, Kidder Co.
237 Acres
T. 138 N., R. 74 W., Sec. 33



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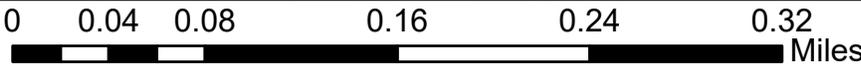
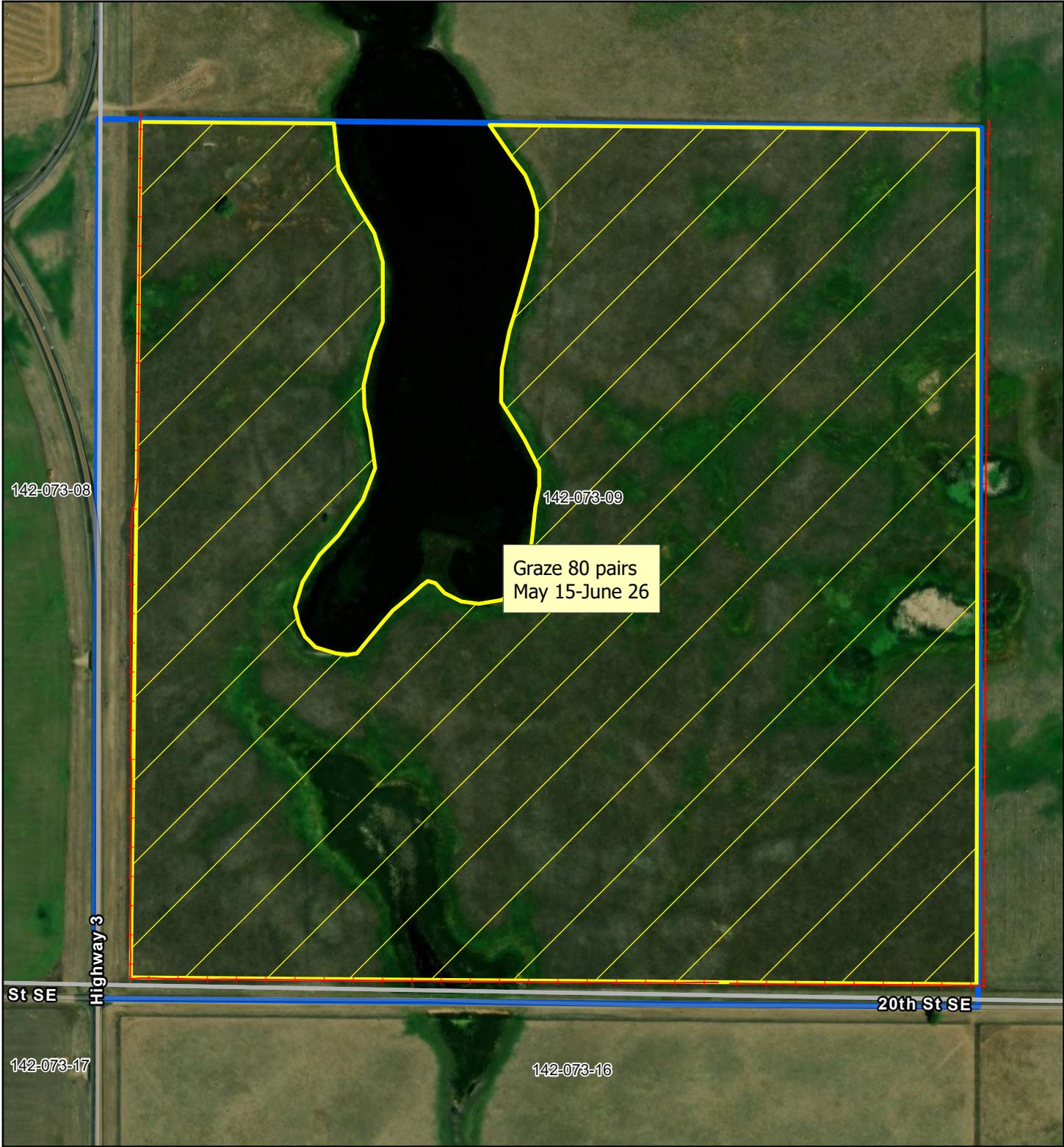
2026 Grazing
Long Lake Unit G23, Kidder Co.
148 Acres
T. 138 N., R. 74 W., Sec. 25



- Fences
- FWS Boundary
- 2026 Grazing Units



2026 Grazing
Mayer WPA, Kidder Co.
135 Acres
T. 142 N., R. 73 W., Sec. 9, SW1/4



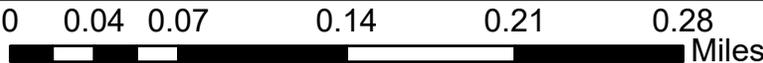
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- ▭ WPA Boundary



2026 Grazing
Nelson WPA, Kidder Co.
105 Acres
T. 141 N., R. 71 W., Sec. 8, NE1/4



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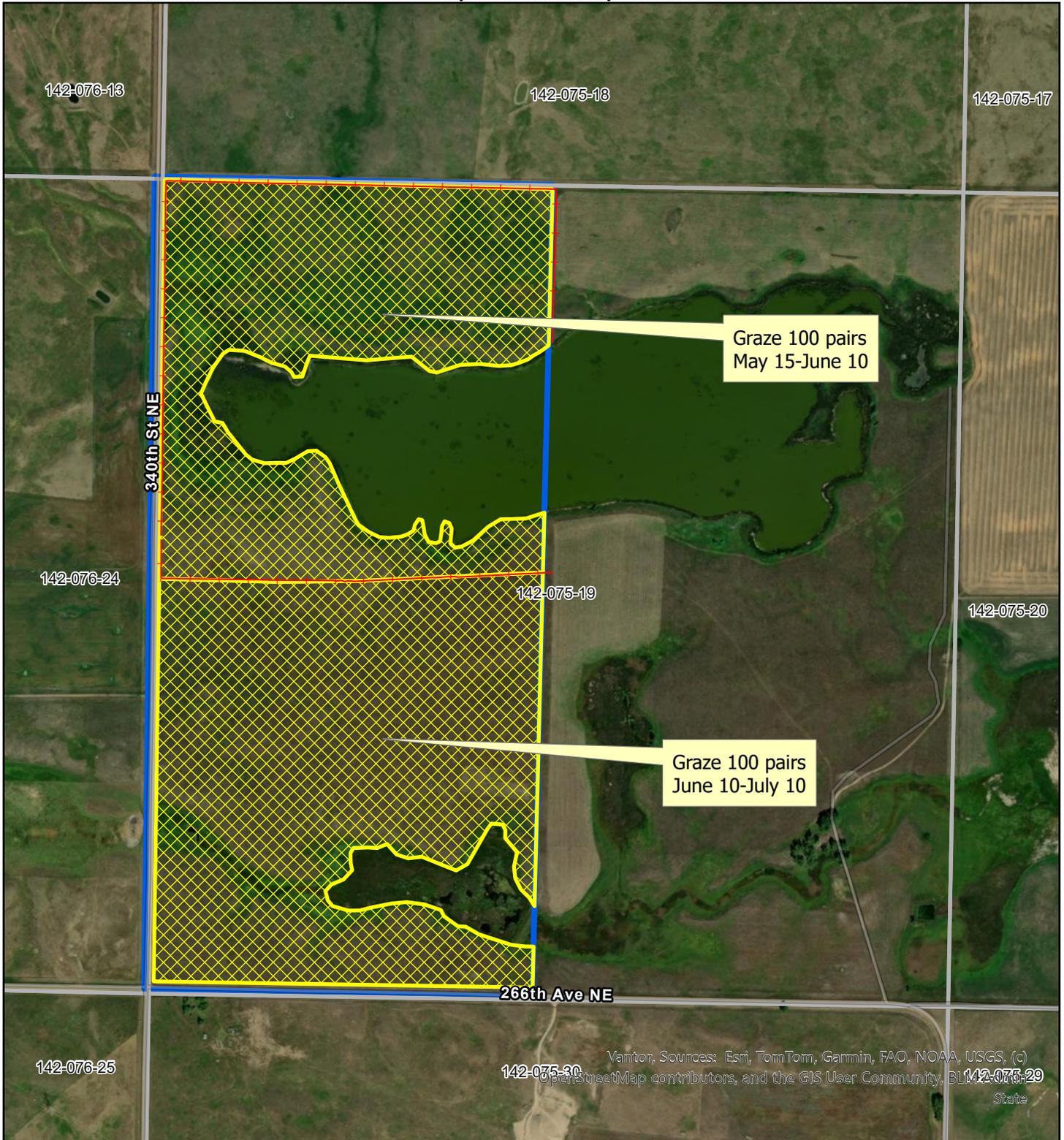


- Fences
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- ▭ WPA Boundary

This unit has no boundary fence. The successful applicant must agree to construct boundary fence prior to grazing the unit. A five-year permit will be issued for grazing this unit to ensure reimbursement for fence construction labor.



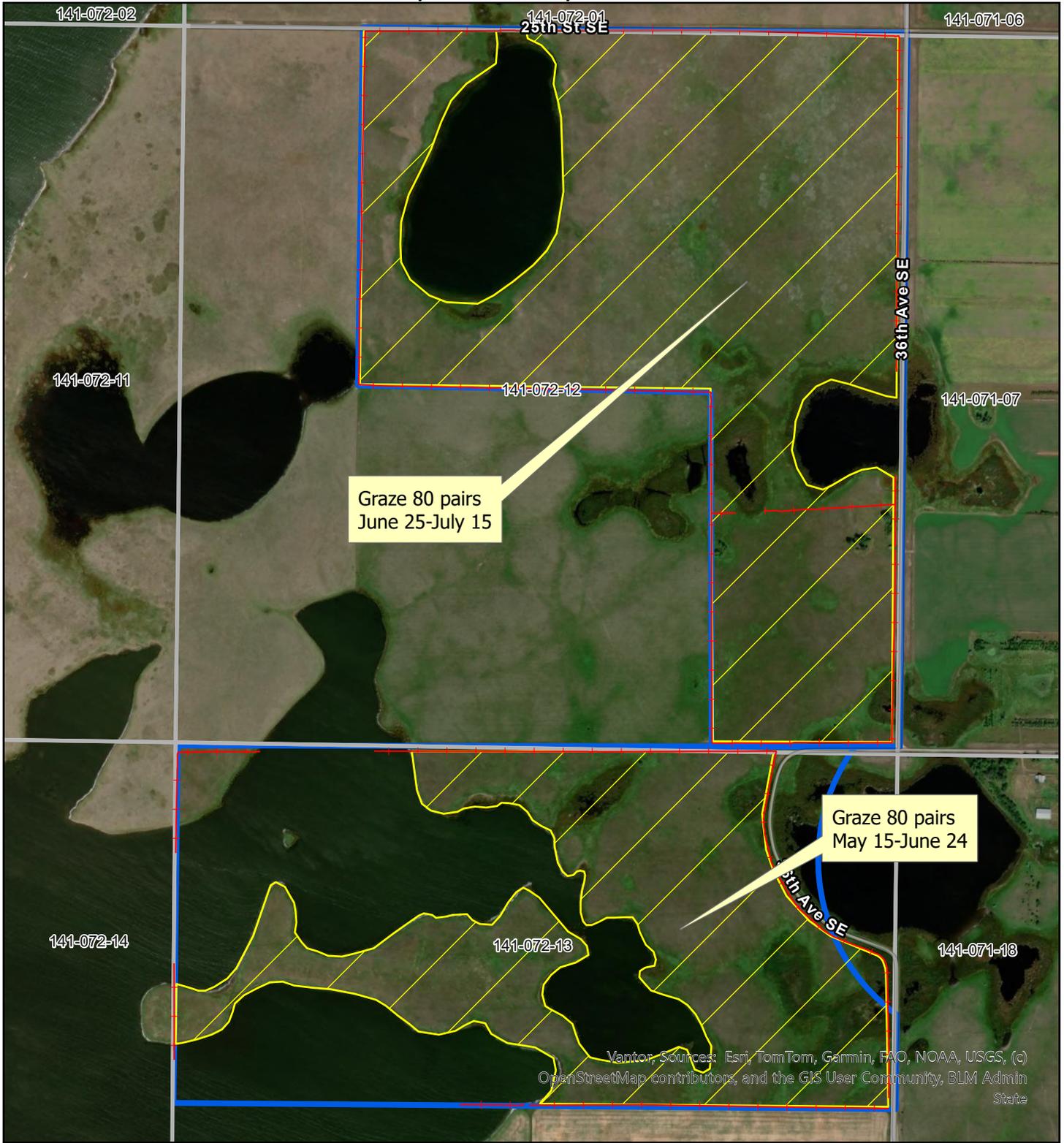
2026 Grazing
Oswald WPA, Burleigh Co.
240 Acres
T. 142 N., R. 75 W., Sec. 19



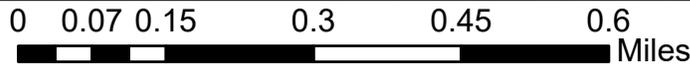
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- FWS Boundary
- 2026 Grazing Units



2026 Grazing
Personius - Whitman WPA's, Kidder Co.
400 Acres
T. 141 N., R. 72 W., Sec. 12 & 13



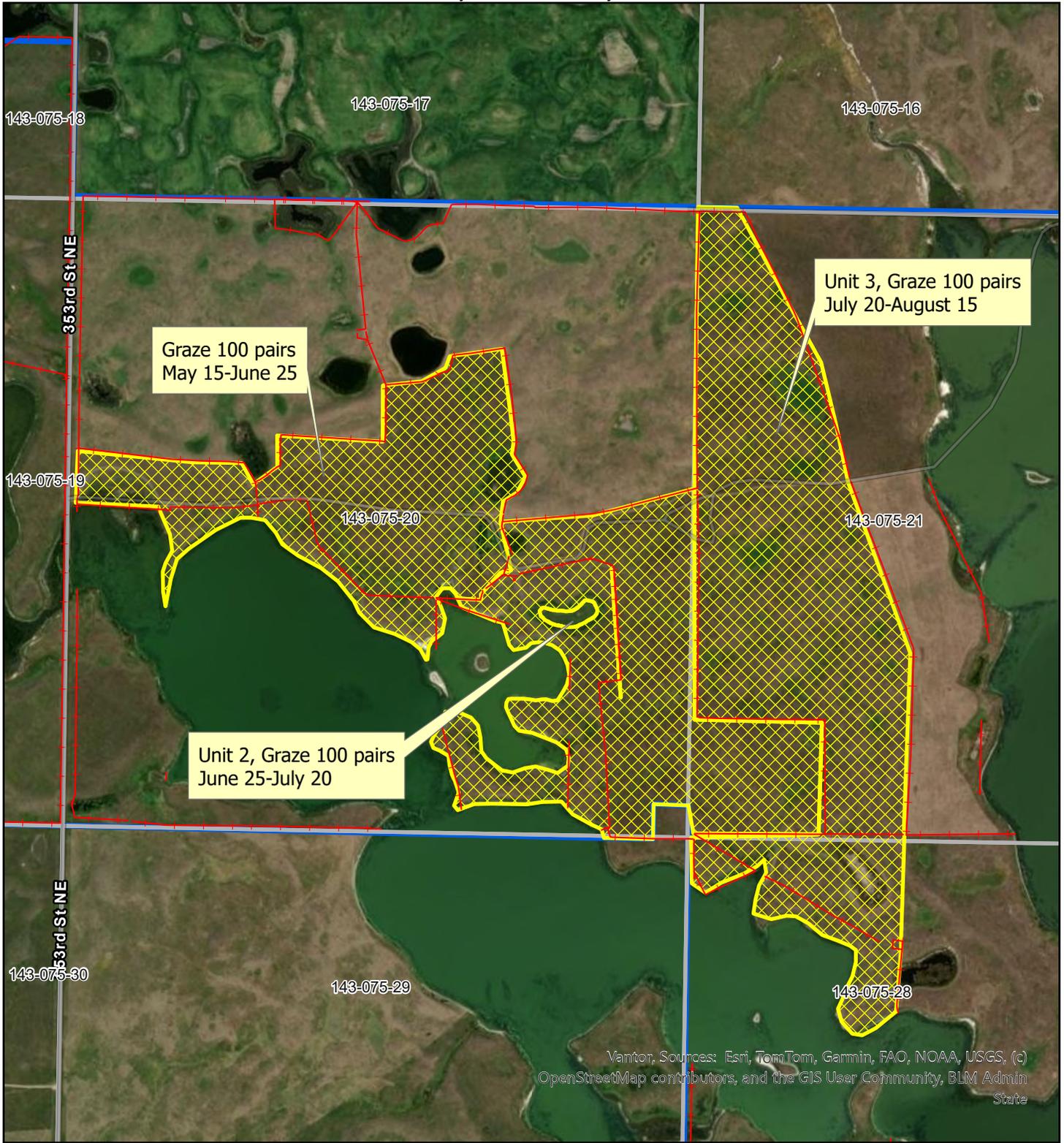
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- Fences
- 2026 Grazing Units
- WPA Boundary



2026 Grazing
Rath WPA, Burleigh Co.
385 Acres
T. 143 N., R. 75 W., Sec. 20 & 21

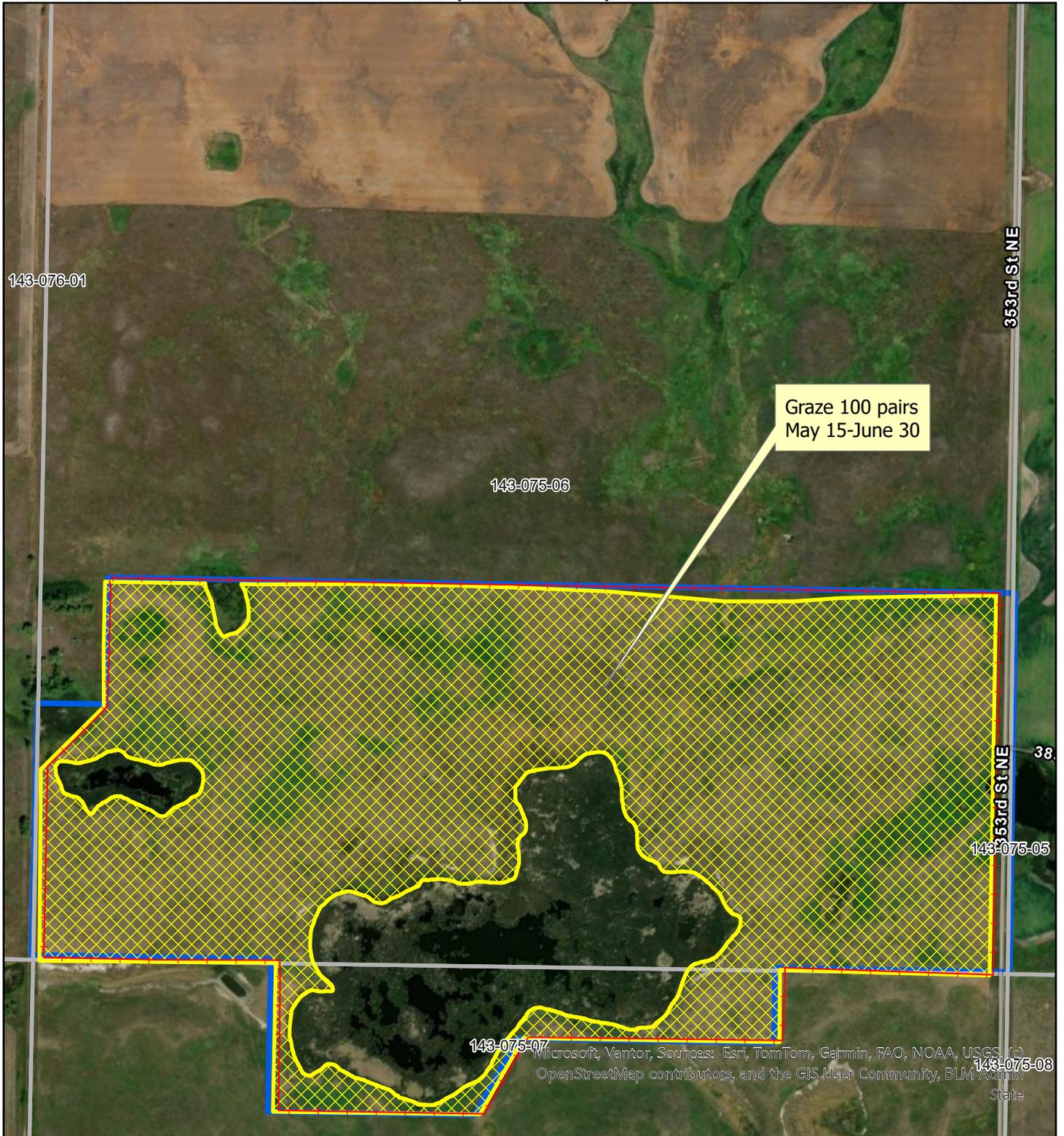


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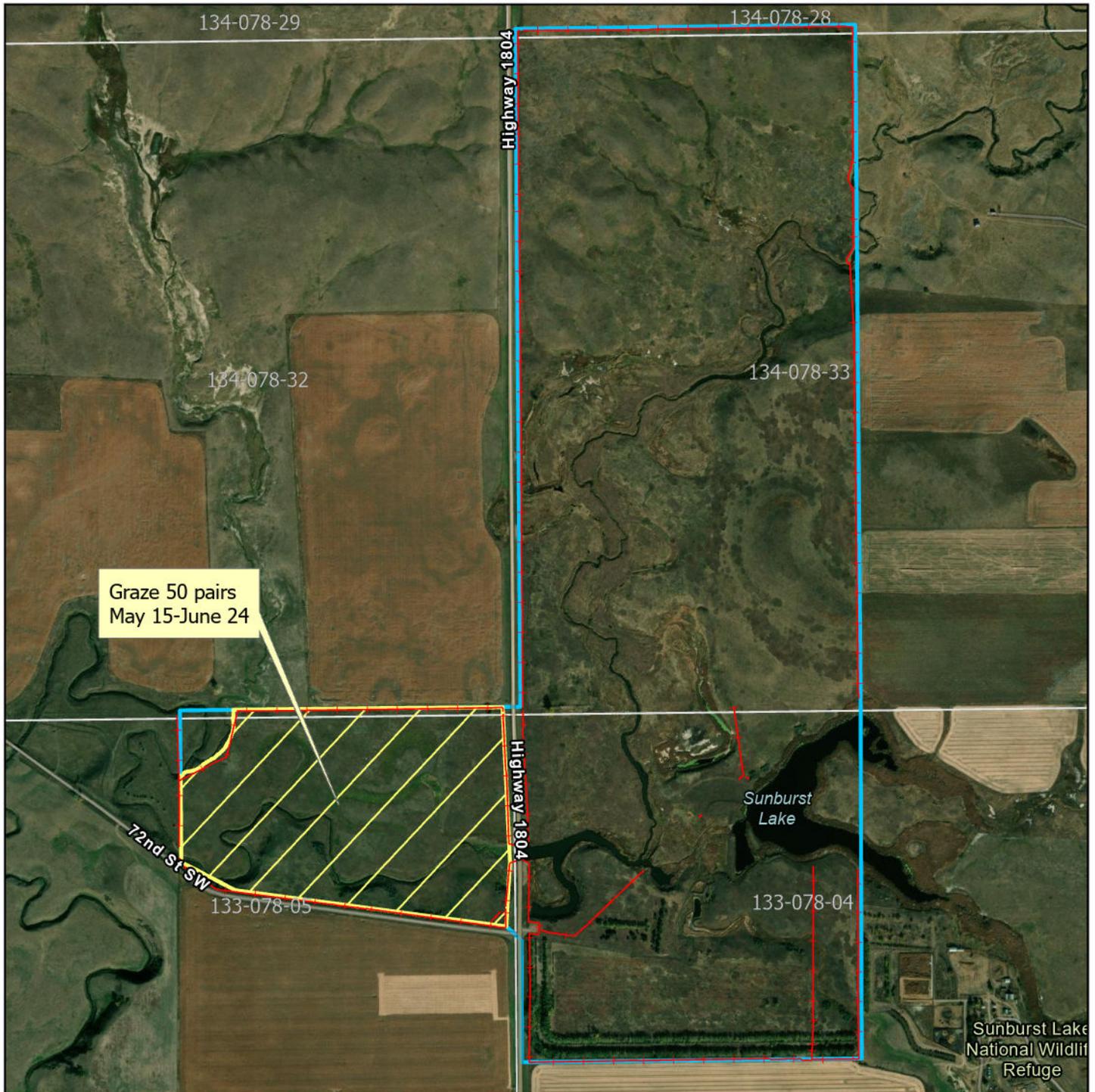
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Ryberg WPA, Burleigh Co.
198 Acres
T. 143 N., R. 75 W., Sec. 6



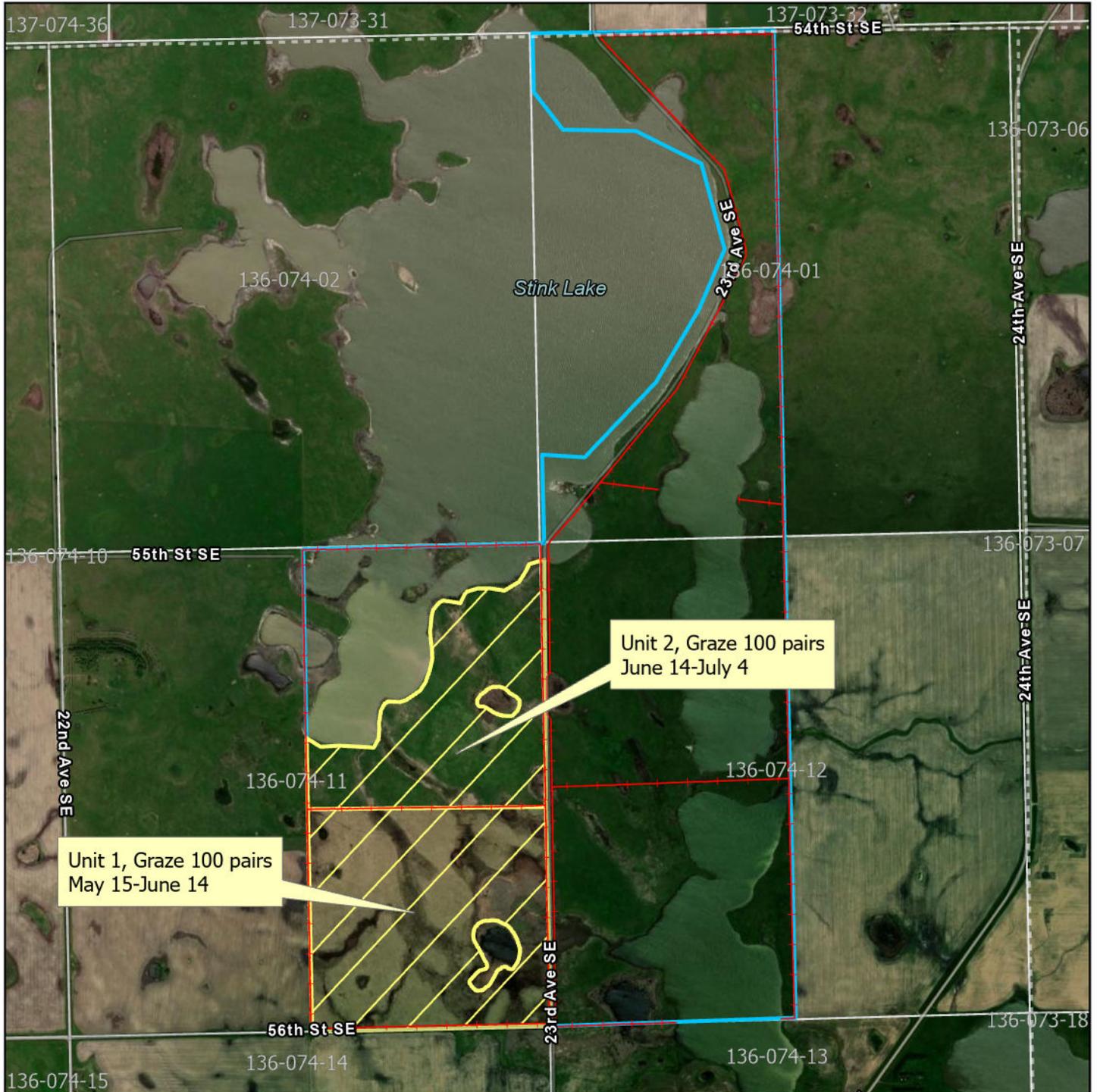
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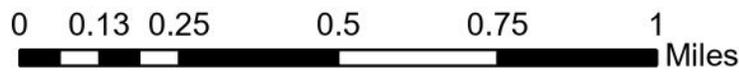
2026 Grazing
Schiermeister WPA, Emmons Co.
85 Acres
T. 133 N., R. 78 W., Sec. 5



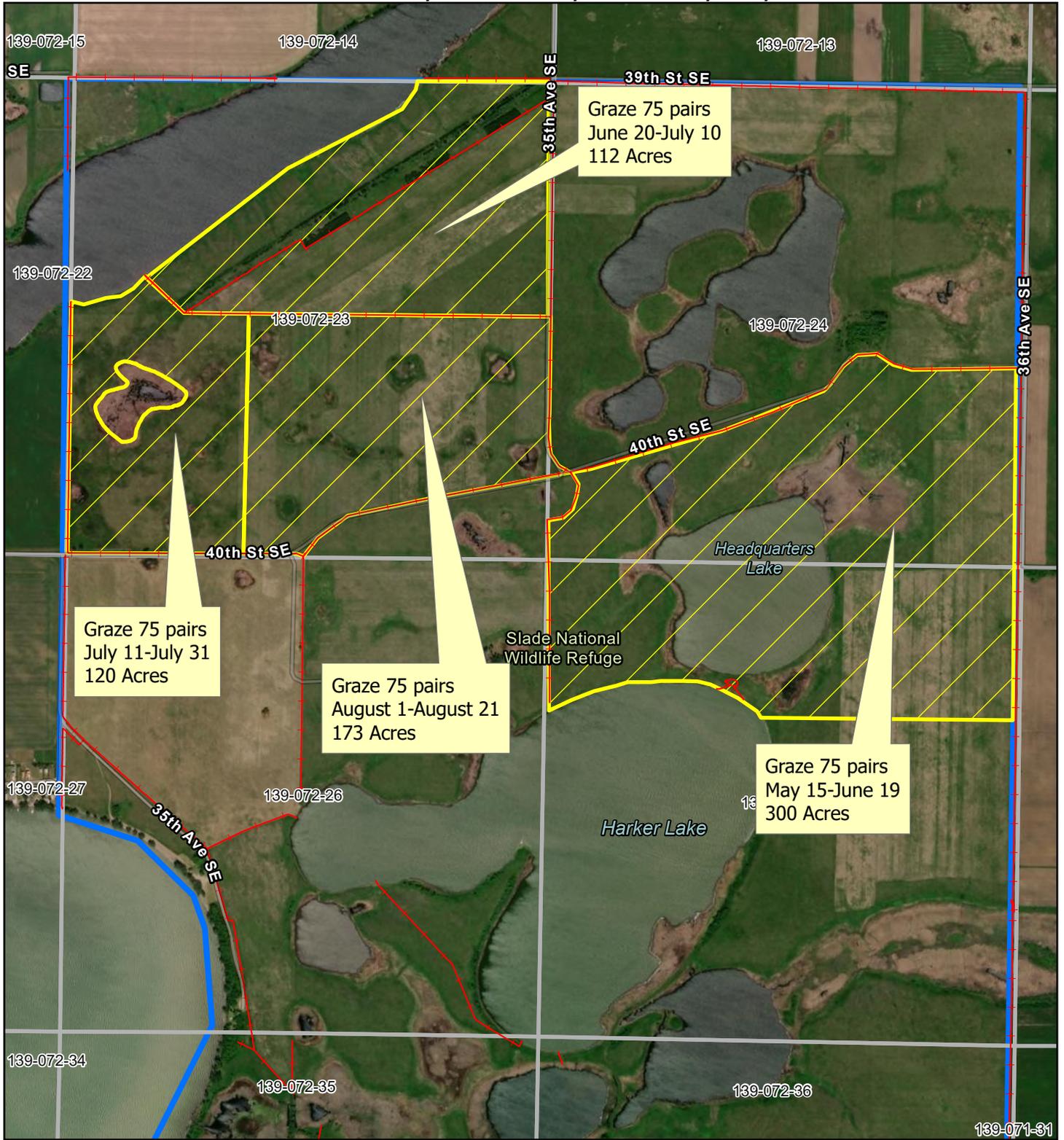
2026 Grazing
Sisco WPA, Emmons Co.
211 Acres
T. 136 N., R. 74 W., Sec. 11



- Fences
- 2026 Grazing Units
- WPA Boundary



2026 Grazing
 Slade NWR, Kidder Co.
 573 Total Acres
 T. 139 N., R. 72 W., Sec. 23, 24, 25

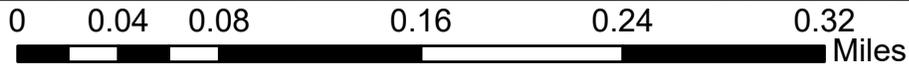


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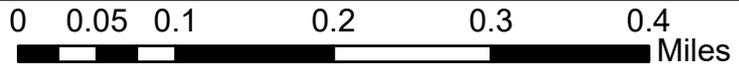
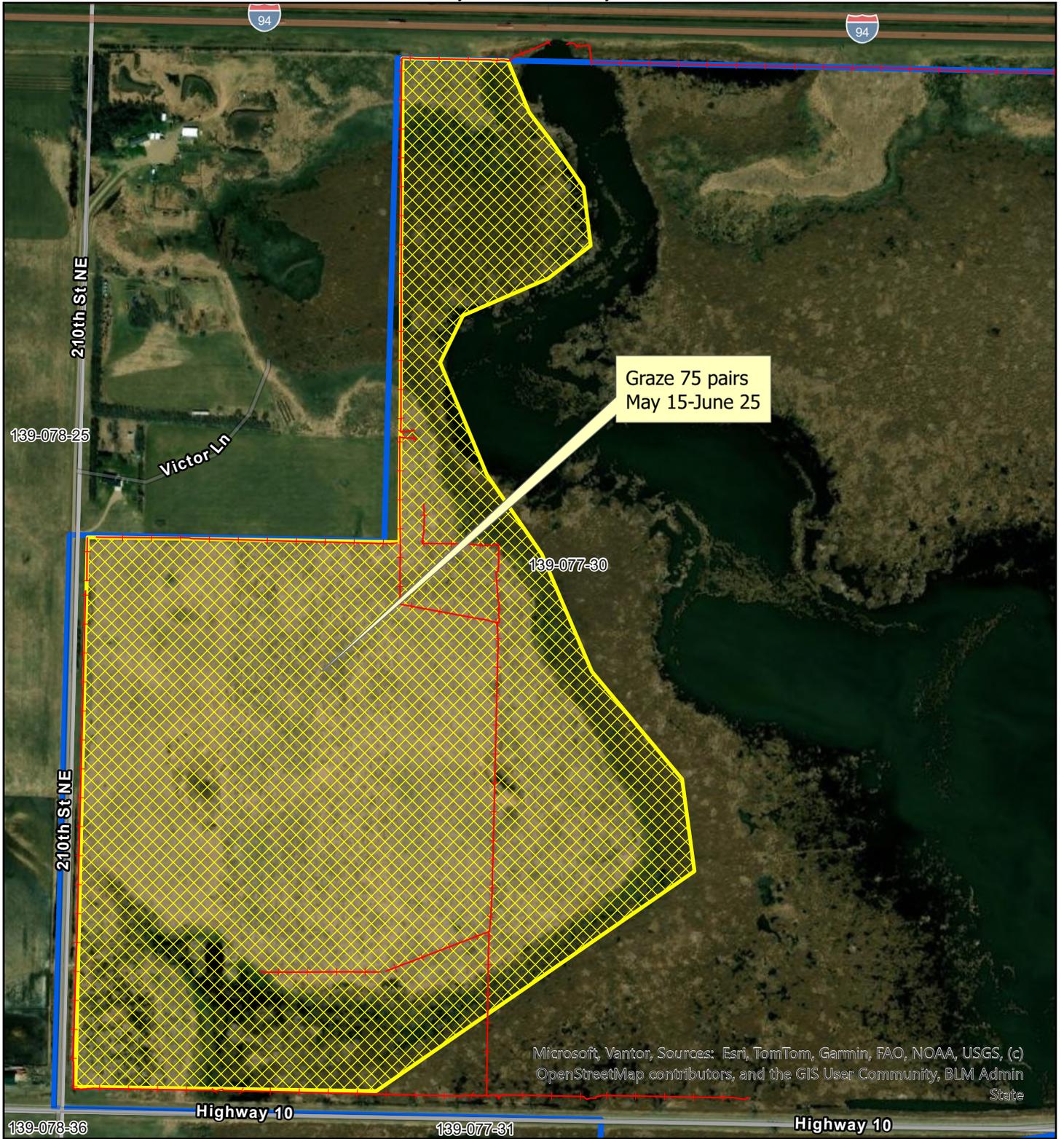
2026 Grazing
Thacker WPA, Kidder Co.
19 & 15 Acres
T. 143 N., R. 72 W., Sec. 4



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-  2026 Grazing Units
-  WPA Boundary



2026 Grazing
Victor WPA, Burleigh Co.
161 Acres
T. 139 N., R. 77 W., Sec. 30



- +— Fences
- FWS Boundary
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2026 Grazing
Vogel WPA, Kidder Co.
95 Acres
T. 144 N., R. 70 W., Sec. 22 & 27



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0 0.07 0.15 0.3 0.45 0.6 Miles

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2026 Grazing
Weiszhaar WPA, Emmons Co.
52 Acres
T. 131 N., R. 78 W., Sec. 1

