

# News Release



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

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 8, 2016

### 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 six tracts of land to be harvested in August 2016. Five of the tracts are located in Kossuth County as follows: In Ramsey Township: Sec 11 (33 acres), Sec 23 (12 acres) and Sec 35 (15 acres); and in Portland Township: Sec 10 (3 acres) and Sec 21 (3 acres). One tract is located in Pocahontas County as follows: In Cummins Township: Sect 14 (33 acres). A separate bid opening will be held for each tract.

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/](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, July 21st, 2016 to be eligible. The bid opening will take place at the refuge headquarters on Friday, July 22nd, 2016 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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**Special Use Application and Permit**

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Haying on the Schwob Marsh Unit of Union Slough NWR, Sec 11 Ramsey Twp. Approximately 33 acres to be cut in August 2016. See attached special conditions and map. Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying."

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per harvested ton

7. **Print Form**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Application approved:  yes  no

Special Conditions

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Amount of payment \_\_\_\_\_

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Station Name and Number | Union Slough NWR, 33580

Permit Number |

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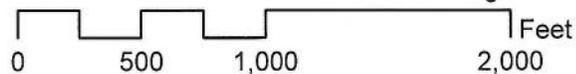
Union Slough NWR - Kossuth County Iowa  
Part of SW1/4 Section 11 Ramsey Twp



2013 Aerial

Legend

-  Sections
-  Area to be hayed



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Haying on Unit 4 of Union Slough NWR, Sec 23 Ramsey Twp. Approximately 12 acres to be cut in August 2016. See attached special conditions and map. Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying."

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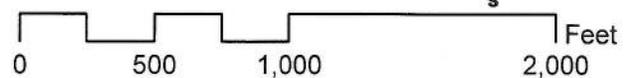
Union Slough NWR - Kossuth County Iowa  
Part of SE1/4 Section 23 Ramsey Twp



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Legend

- Sections
- Area to be hayed



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Haying on Unit 3 of Union Slough NWR, Sec 35 Ramsey Twp. Approximately 15 acres to be cut in August 2016. See attached special conditions and map. Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying."

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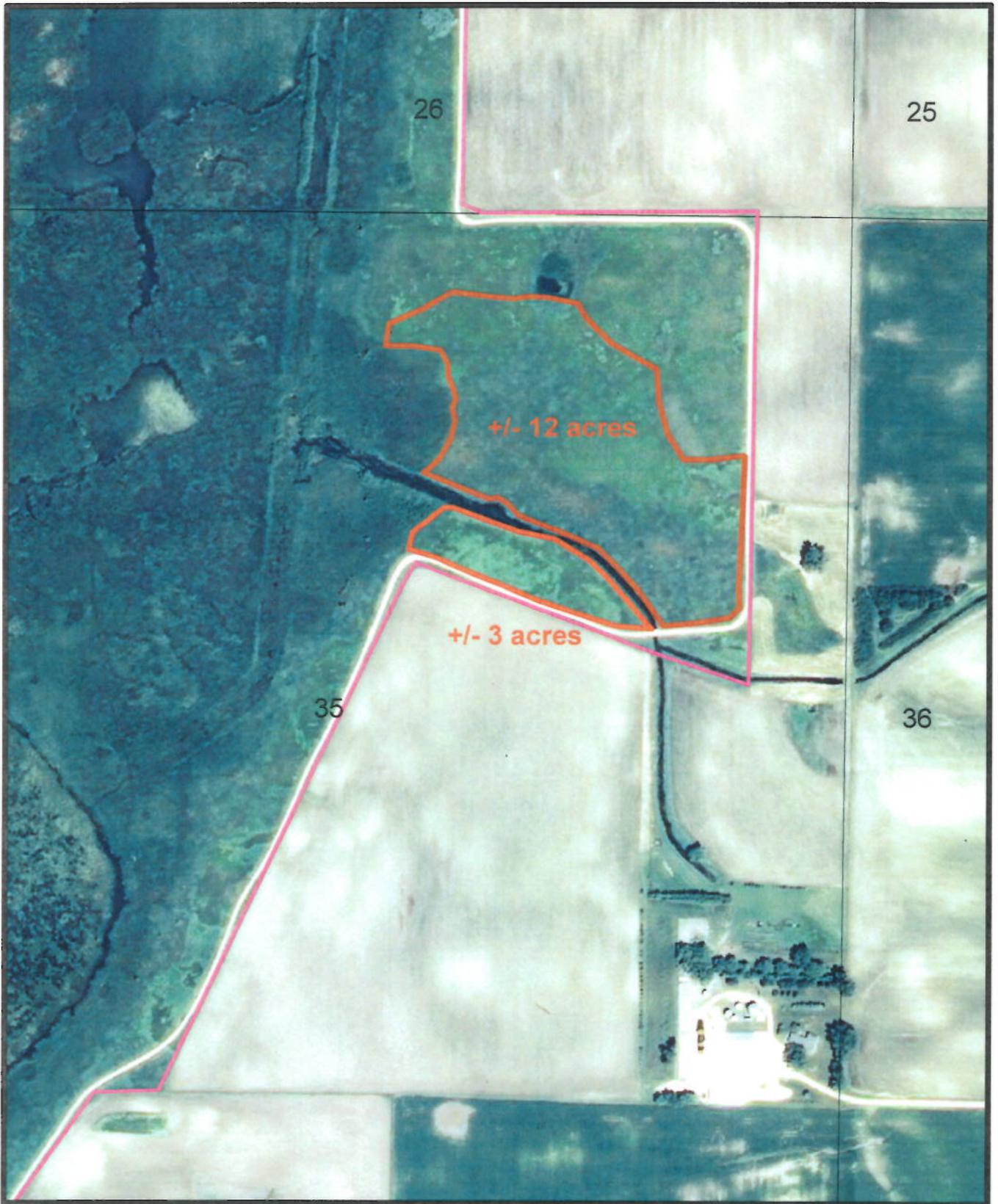
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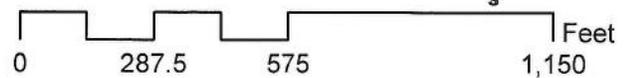
Union Slough NWR - Kossuth County Iowa  
Part of NE1/4 Section 35 Ramsey Twp



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Legend

-  Sections
-  Area to be hayed



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Haying on the Unit 1 Kitzinger tract of Union Slough NWR, Sec 10 Portland Twp. Approximately 3 acres to be cut in August 2016. See attached special conditions and map. Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying."  
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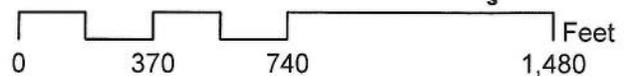
Union Slough NWR - Kossuth County Iowa  
Part of NW1/4 Section 10 Portland Twp



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- Sections
- Area to be hayed



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Haying on the Wapiti Waterfowl Production Area, Sec 21 PortlandTwp. Approximately 3 acres to be cut in August 2016. See attached special conditions and map. Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying."  
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Station Name and Number Iowa WMD, 33581

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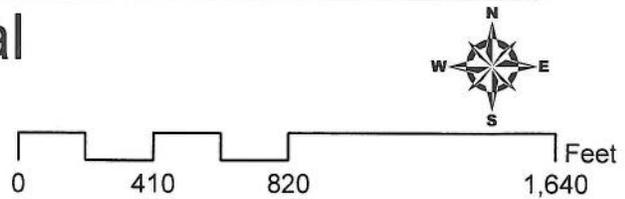
Wapiti Waterfowl Production Area - Kossuth County Iowa  
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Haying on the Plover Waterfowl Production Area, Sec 14 Cummins Twp. Approximately 33 acres to be cut in August 2016. See attached special conditions and map. Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying."

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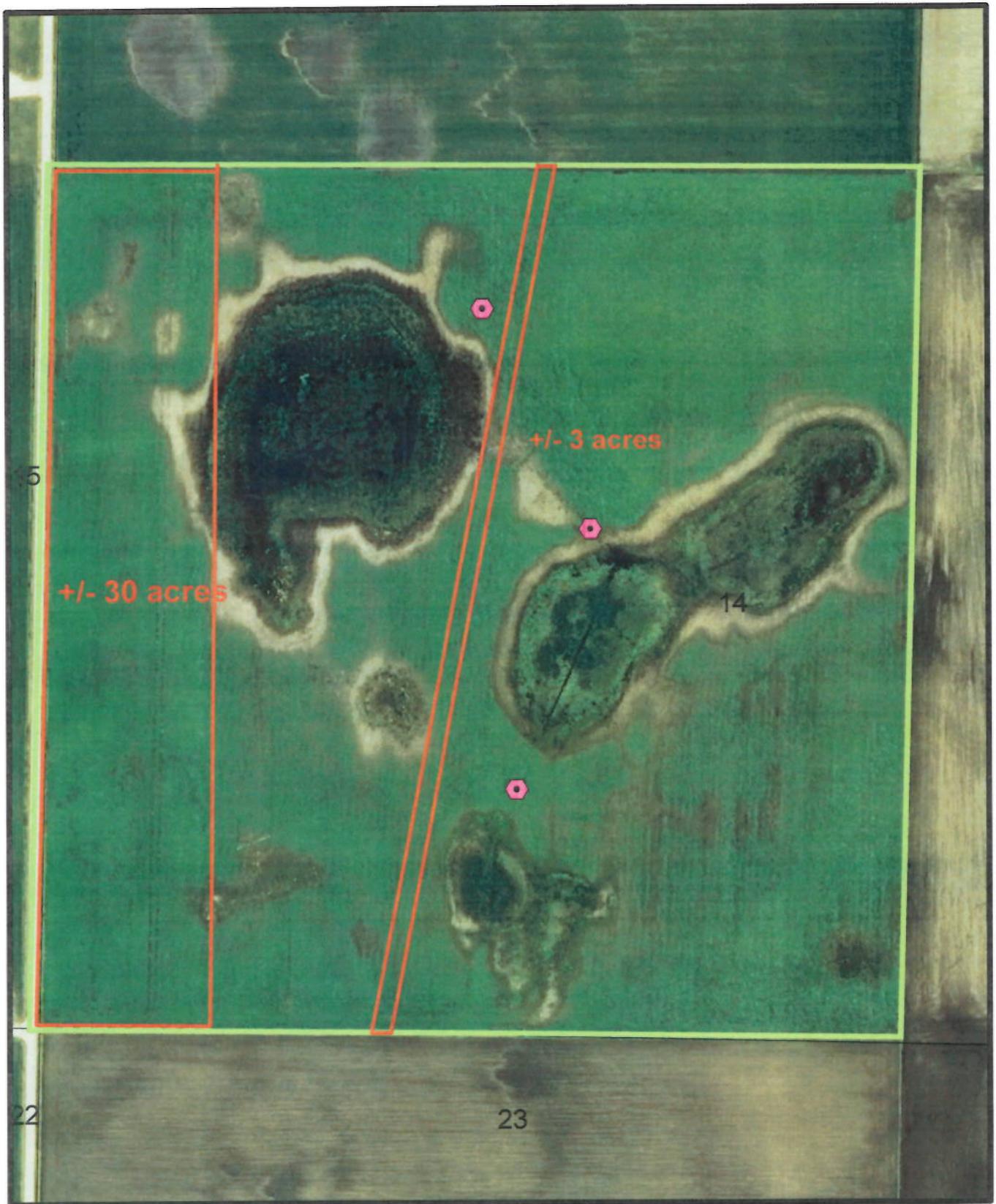
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# Plover Waterfowl Production Area - Pocahontas County Iowa

## Parts of SW1/4 Section 14 Cummins Twp



### Legend 2013 Aerial

-  Water Control Structures (Be Careful to avoid these)
-  Sections
-  Area to be hayed

