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Wetland Management District

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Welcome

This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Long Lake Wetland Management District (WMD) is located in the heart of the Prairie Pothole Region, a prairie landscape marked by numerous wetlands called potholes. Wetland management districts are little-known, but vital components of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The District conserves wetland and grassland habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife species. It includes waterfowl production areas (WPA), wildlife development areas (WDA), national wildlife refuges, wetland easements, and grassland easements in Burleigh, Kidder, and Emmons Counties in North Dakota.

Waterfowl Production Areas

WPAs are lands purchased by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) with funds from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps. Established to protect and restore waterfowl habitat, nearly 95 percent of WPAs are located in the Prairie Pothole Region of the northern Great Plains. District staff use rotational grazing and prescribed burning to maintain and improve grasslands for nesting birds.

Wildlife Development Areas

WDAs are lands purchased by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation as part of North Dakota's Garrison Diversion Unit. These areas were developed for wildlife by restoring drained wetlands and planting cropland acres back to grasses. The WDAs were transferred from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Service to be managed for wildlife and public use.

Opportunities and Responsibilities on WPAs and WDAs

- Open to public hunting, fishing, and trapping in accordance with Federal and State regulations.
- Open to wildlife observation, photography, interpretation, and environmental education.
- All motor vehicles, including ATVs and snowmobiles, are prohibited except on designated roads and in parking areas. Motor vehicles are also prohibited on the ice for fishing unless there is an access to the ice from a right-of-way or designated road.
- Firearms are permitted only during open hunting seasons. Upland game and migratory bird hunters may possess approved non-toxic shot only.
- Littering, camping, and fires are prohibited.
- Horses are not allowed for any purpose.
- Removing or destroying property, including artifacts, is prohibited.
- Distribution of bait and hunting over bait is prohibited.
- All personal property, excluding tree stands and ice houses, must be removed daily.

National Wildlife Refuges

Nine national wildlife refuges are located within the District. Some of these refuges are owned in fee title by the Service; others are easement refuges. Easement refuges are private lands upon which the Service has purchased the right to impound water and regulate hunting. Visitors should consult the Long Lake WMD staff to obtain information regarding access limitations prior to entering a national wildlife refuge in the District.

WMD Programs

Partners for Fish and Wildlife

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program develops and improves fish and wildlife habitat through cooperative efforts between landowners and the Service. The Service may pay landowners for habitat improvements or provide technical assistance and materials needed to restore habitats.

Wetland Easements

A wetland easement is a legal agreement through which the Service pays landowners to permanently protect wetlands. Wetlands protected by an easement cannot be drained, filled, leveled, or burned. When these wetlands go dry naturally, they can be farmed, grazed, or hayed. The landowner retains ownership, and the easement does not affect hunting or mineral rights.

Grassland Easements

A grassland easement is a legal agreement through which the Service pays landowners to keep the land permanently in grass. Land protected by an easement may not be cultivated. Mowing, haying, and grass seed harvesting must be delayed until after July 15 each year in order to avoid conflicts with grassland birds during nesting season. Livestock grazing is not restricted in any way.

Refuge Revenue Sharing

The Service makes Refuge Revenue Sharing payments to Burleigh, Kidder, and Emmons Counties as a payment in lieu of taxes for lands that are sold to the Service.

Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 7-1-1 for a free connection to the State transfer relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from the speech or hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge staff at 701 / 387 4397, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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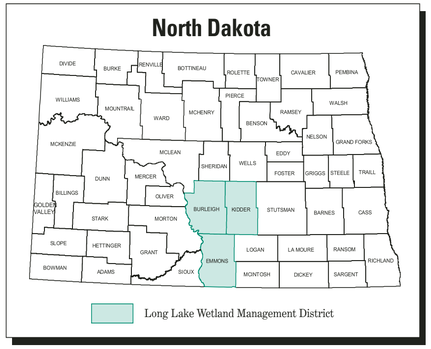
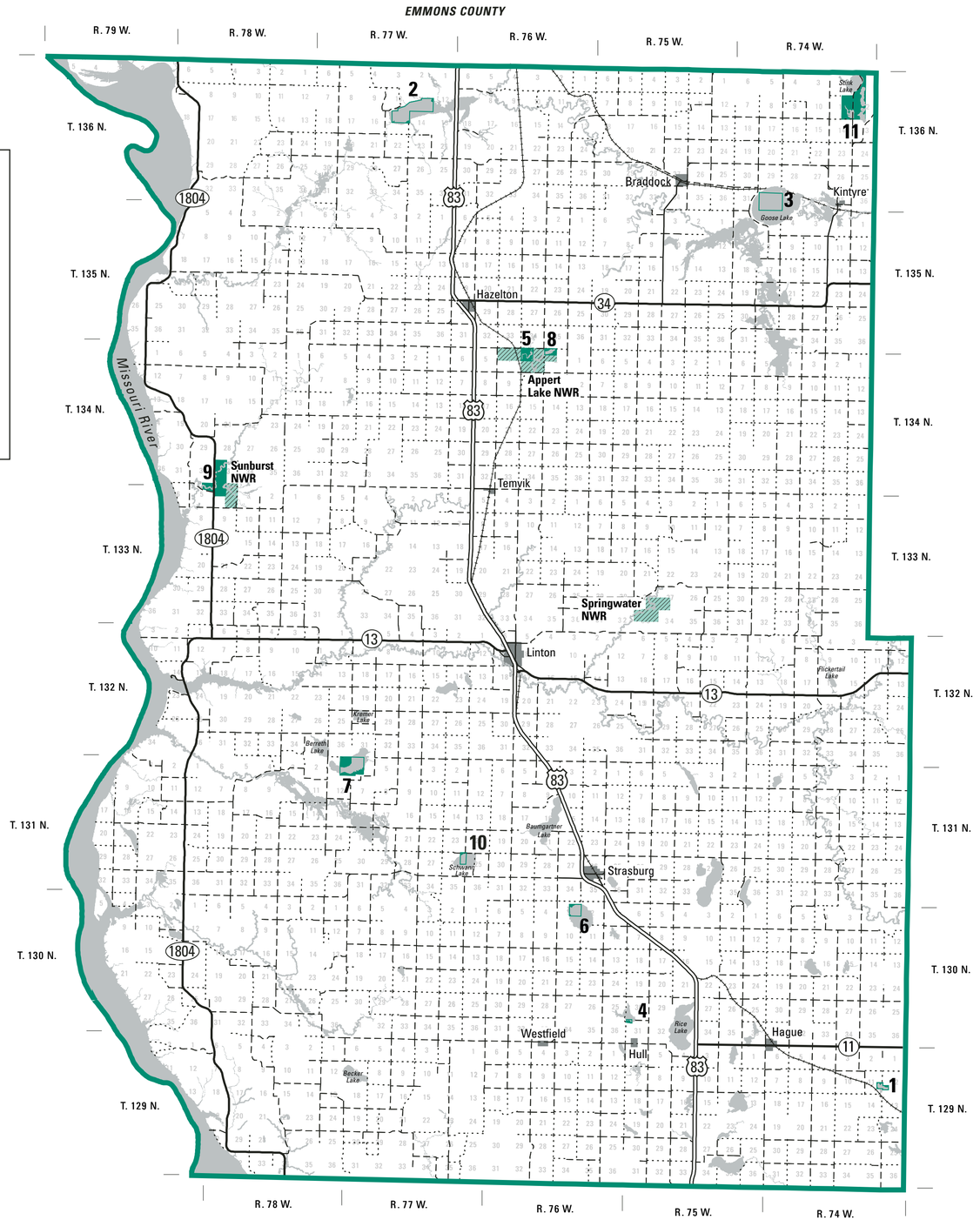
- County Boundary
- Federal Highway
- State Highway
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Trail
- Railroad Tracks
- Waterfowl Production Area (WPA)
- National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)
- Wetland and Water

Emmons County WPAs

1. Delzer
2. Foell
3. Goose Lake
4. Haak
5. Kurtz
6. Mattern
7. Rohrich/Walther/Weiszhaar
8. Schatz
9. Schiermeister
10. Silvernagel
11. Sisco/Fallgatter





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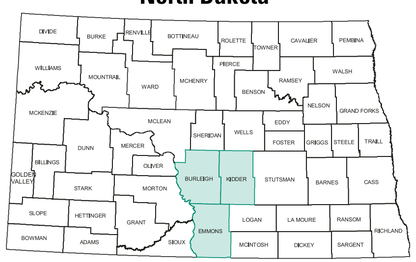
- County Boundary
- Interstate Highway
- Federal Highway
- State Highway
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Trail
- Railroad Tracks
- Refuge Headquarters
- Viewing Area
- Fishing Area
- Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) Wildlife Development Area (WDA)
- National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)
- Wetland and Water

North Dakota



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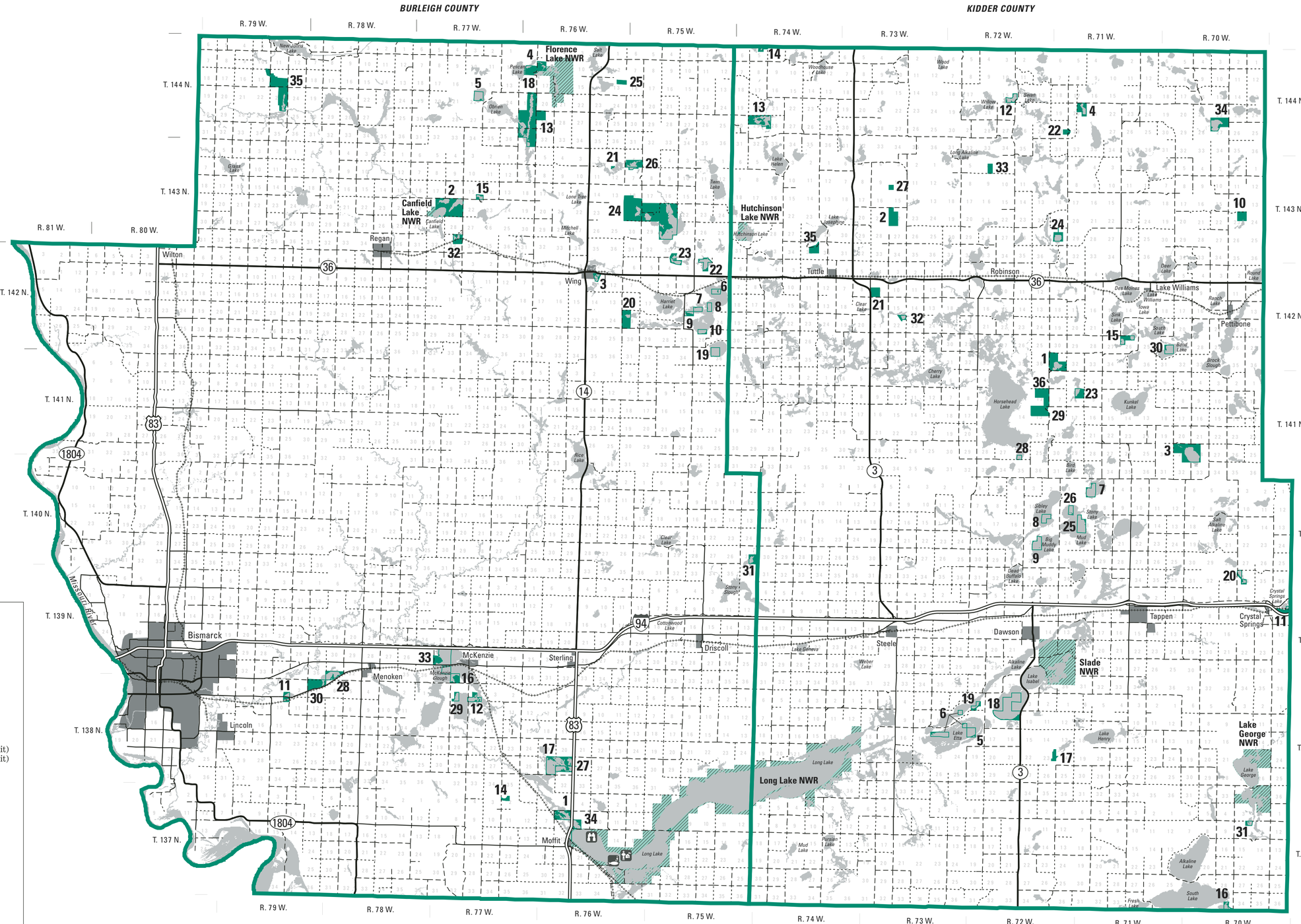

Burleigh County WPAs

1. Adams
2. Basaraba
3. Berg Gellner
4. Bernhardt
5. BLM #1
6. BLM #1e
7. BLM #1f
8. BLM #1g
9. BLM #1h
10. BLM #1i
11. Bryan/Mohler
12. Clizbe
13. Crimmins
14. Haid
15. Leno
16. McKenzie
17. Monroe
18. North Crimmins
19. North Dakota
20. Oswald
21. PDL 1b
22. PDL/Trusty
23. Rachel/Hoff
24. Rath/Wonnenburg
25. Rohrbach
26. Ryberg/Wonnenburg
27. Schauer
28. Seventh Day Adventist
29. Slovarp
30. Small
31. Thorstad
32. Uhde
33. Victor
34. YMCA

Burleigh County WDA

35. East Lost Lake

Kidder County WPAs

1. Albright
2. Almer
3. Bechold
4. Bertsch/Morrison
5. BLM #3
6. BLM #4
7. BLM #5
8. BLM #6
9. BLM #7
10. Braun
11. Crystal Springs
12. Gaub Hoots
13. Goldsmith (south unit)
14. Goldsmith (north unit)
15. Guthmiller
16. Kirschenman
17. Kleppe East
18. Kleppe Lang
19. Kleppe West
20. Martin
21. Mayer
22. Morrison
23. Nelson
24. Neustal/Whitman
25. PDL 1
26. PDL 1a
27. PDL 1c
28. PDL 1d
29. Personius
30. Pleiness
31. Schmidt
32. Stark
33. Thacker
34. Vogel
35. Wahl
36. Whitman