



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
3275 11th St NW
Coleharbor, ND 58531



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July 6, 2024

Dear Interested Haying Cooperator:

Enclosed you will find a list of Waterfowl Production Areas available for haying in the two counties of the Audubon Wetland Management District. Along with this list, I have enclosed a brochure which shows the locations and names of each Waterfowl Production Area in the District. **Contact this office to request an aerial image map of those areas you are interested in.** Maps can also be found on our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/audubon_wmd. All of the acreages are approximate depending on the amount of water/wet areas on the unit. Exact acreage will be determined after the unit is hayed.

Review the enclosed 2024 Haying Regulations before bidding on the units. Notice that haying may not begin until **August 1**. This date allows more late nesting waterfowl species to successfully complete the nesting process and young grassland birds to fledge before haying activities begin. Pay close attention to other dates including the hay completion date (August 25) and the equipment and bale removal date (September 15). Failure to remove the hay and equipment by September 15 will result in forfeiture of future bidding privileges on haying units, or issuances of a fine and/or both.

Pay attention to Condition Number 9. Clipping of noxious weeds allows us to reduce the production and spread of noxious weeds while at the same time preparing the sites for a fall herbicide application. These units are marked with an asterisk (*) on the list of available units. Please mark any new weed species you may find (leafy spurge, yellow toadflax, etc.) on a map and send it in to us.

Be aware that you may bid on multiple hay units, however, if you are the high bidder on units in which we receive multiple bids, you will be limited to one unit of your choice. If you are the high bidder on one unit and the only bidder on another unit(s), you may hay all units.

Bids must be postmarked or received in the office by 4:00 pm on July 19, 2024. Bids will be opened on July 23 at 9:00 am. No PHONE OR EMAIL bids will be accepted. The public is welcome to attend the opening at 9:00 am in the office.

If you have any questions regarding the bid process or about any of the Waterfowl Production Areas listed, please contact us at (701) 442-5474.

Sincerely,

Kathy Baer
Wetland District Manager

**2024 HAYING REGULATIONS
AUDUBON WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

1. To be eligible to bid, you must be a current livestock operator.
2. Haying operations may begin on August 1.
3. Haying operations must be completed by August 25.
4. All bales and equipment must be removed from the WPA by September 15. Failure to remove hay and equipment will result in the loss of future bidding privileges and/or a violation notice with a fine.
5. Using a hay conditioner on areas marked "must be raked" is allowed.
6. **Hay harvested from the WPA must be used in your personal livestock operations and cannot be sold, traded, or given away.**
7. You may bid on multiple units. However, you cannot combine units. If you are the successful bidder on more than one unit in which multiple bids are received, you will be limited to one tract of your choice.
8. If you are the sole bidder on more than one unit, you may reject only one area. You will be financially responsible for all other units for which you were the successful bidder.
9. Acreages are approximate and will vary depending on wetland expansion, noxious weeds, rocky areas, rough areas, and equipment capabilities.
10. **All weedy areas within the specified unit must be cut, baled, and the bales removed from the WPA. Exceptions to this are leafy spurge and yellow toadflax. These areas must be cut, but the hay should be left lying.**
11. Vehicle travel to and from the hay areas should be limited to one trail. Do not drive over un-mowed areas on the WPA.
12. Any fences or gates which are altered for access must be repaired/replaced to their original condition. Close all gates when bales are removed from the unit.
13. Excessive haying outside the unit boundaries will result in payment of twice the bid price and revocation of future haying privileges.
14. Payment due for hay will be calculated after the haying has been completed. A bill for collection will be sent to you with directions to make payments.
15. Failure to pay bill will result in loss of future bidding privileges, and you will be subject to late fees and/or Collections.
16. In cases where no bids were received for units, applicants that were interested may be contacted after the bid opening.
17. **Minimum bids for hay will be \$15.00/acre.** This price is determined based on the three year average hay price listed in the "USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service- North Dakota – County Rents and Values." Prices are adjusted due to August 1-25 haying date; reduced protein value, and above normal litter amounts.

Bids must be postmarked or received at the Audubon Wetland Management District office by close of business on July 19. Bids will be accepted by mail or hand delivery, but the bids must be in a sealed envelope. All envelopes must be marked WPA Hay Bid. Haying permits will be awarded on July 23.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF HAY PERMIT AND FORFEITURE OF FUTURE HAY BIDDING PRIVILEGES.

THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

If you have any questions on the haying units or regulations, please contact us at this address or phone number with any questions: Audubon Wetland Management District; 3275 11th St NW, Coleharbor, ND 58531 or 701-442-5474

**Audubon Wetland Management District
2024 Haying Units**

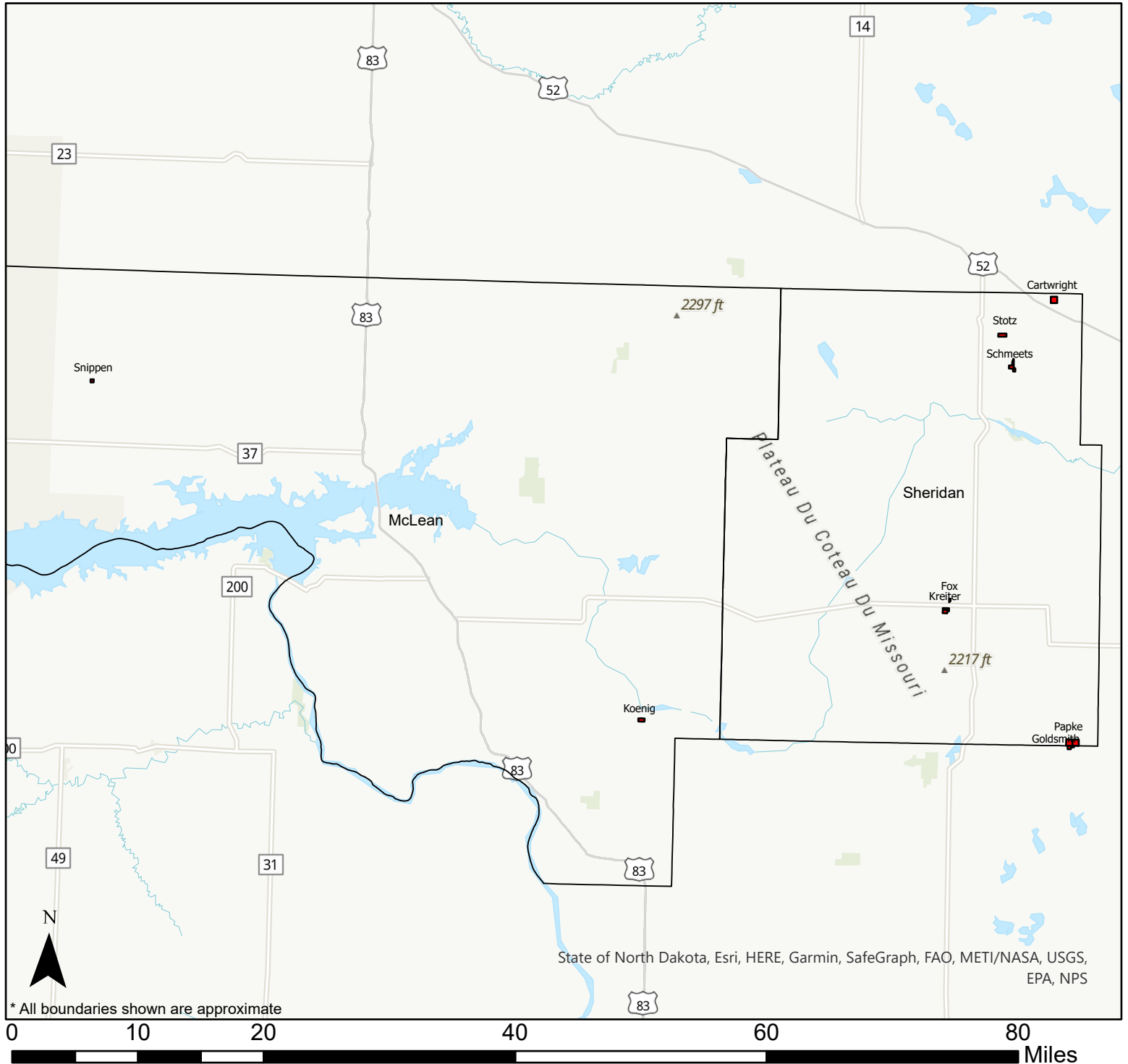
<u>County</u>	<u>Waterfowl Production Area</u>	<u>Approximate Acres to Hay</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Township Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Required Raking</u>
McLean	Koenig S WPA	59	8/1/2024	Unorganized	T. 145 N., R. 80 W.	25	Yes
McLean	Snippen WPA	16	8/1/2024	Roseglen	T. 149 N., R. 87 W.	13	Yes
Sheridan	Cartwright WPA	60	8/1/2024	Martin	T. 150 N., R. 74 W.	3	Yes
Sheridan	Kreiter/Fox WPA	65	8/1/2024	Unorganized	T. 146 N., R. 76 W.	12	Yes
Sheridan	Papke/Goldsmith WPA	158	8/1/2024	Mauch	T. 145 N., R. 74 W.	34 & 35	Yes
Sheridan	Schmeets WPA	78	8/1/2024	Martin	T. 150 N., R. 74 W.	31	Yes
Sheridan	Stotz WPA	33	8/1/2024	Unorganized	T. 150 N., R. 75 W.	24	Yes

Maps can be viewed at the Audubon Wetland Management District main webpage http://www.fws.gov/refuge/audubon_wmd.
See "2024 Haying Permits" in green. Click "maps" to see maps and "bid Package" for bidding instructions.



Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

2024 Hay Units



Hay Areas must be raked.
Check with adjacent property owners for additional access needs.

2024 Haying Bid Form

WPA Name: _____

I have read, understand and agree to the regulations, conditions and eligibility requirements for haying and submit this bid accordingly.

HAY BID: (per acre) _____

Signature

Date

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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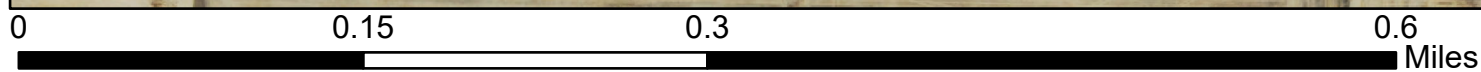
Koenig S WPA



2024 Haying Area

McLean County



* All boundaries shown are approximate



 Area to be Hayed 2023
 WPA Boundry

Hay Areas must be raked.
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Snippen WPA

2024 Haying Area

McLean County



 Area to be Hayed 2023
 WPA Boundry

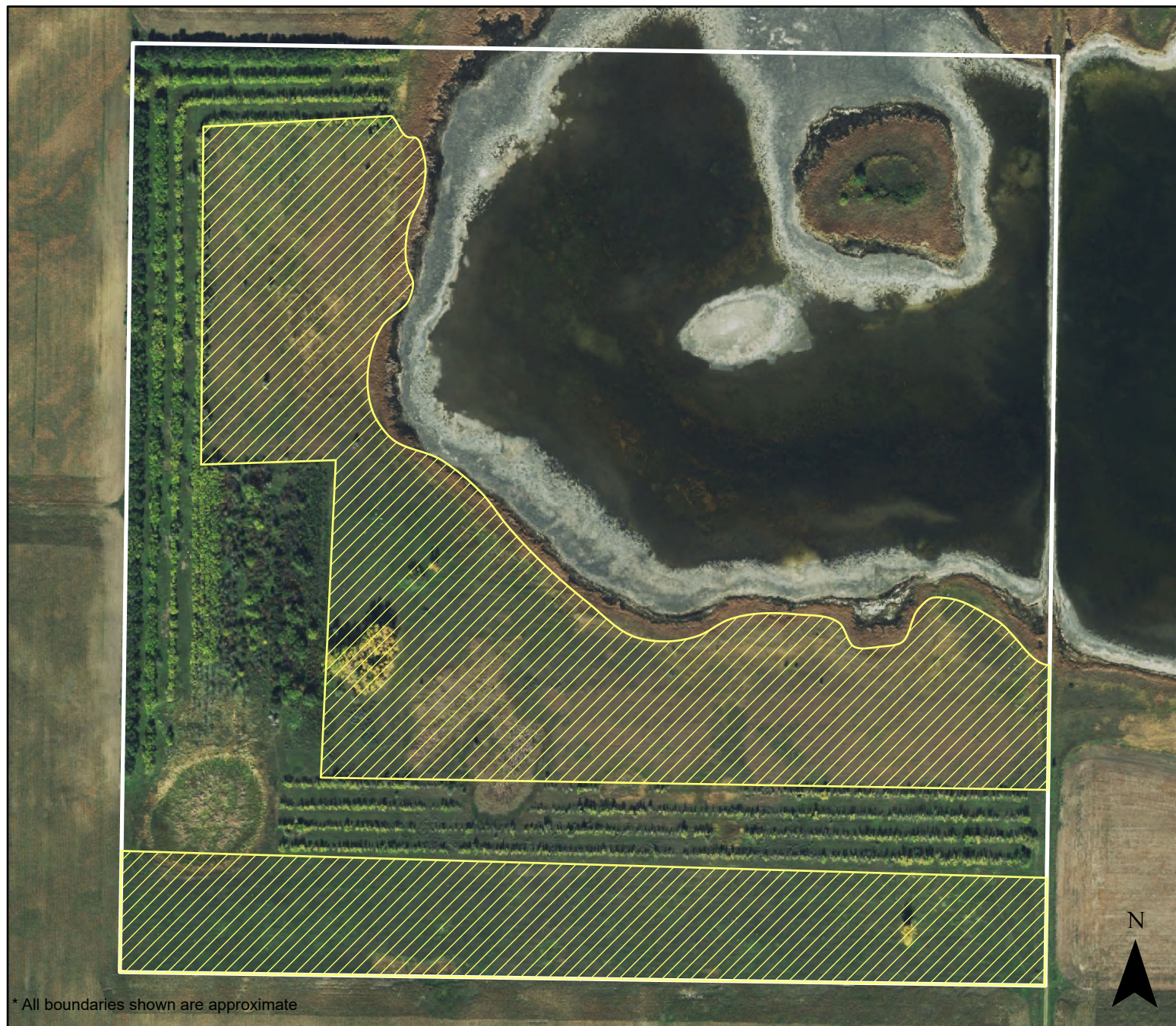
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Cartwright WPA

2024 Haying Area

Sheridan County



0 0.13 0.25 0.5 Miles

 Area to be Hayed 2023
 WPA Boundry

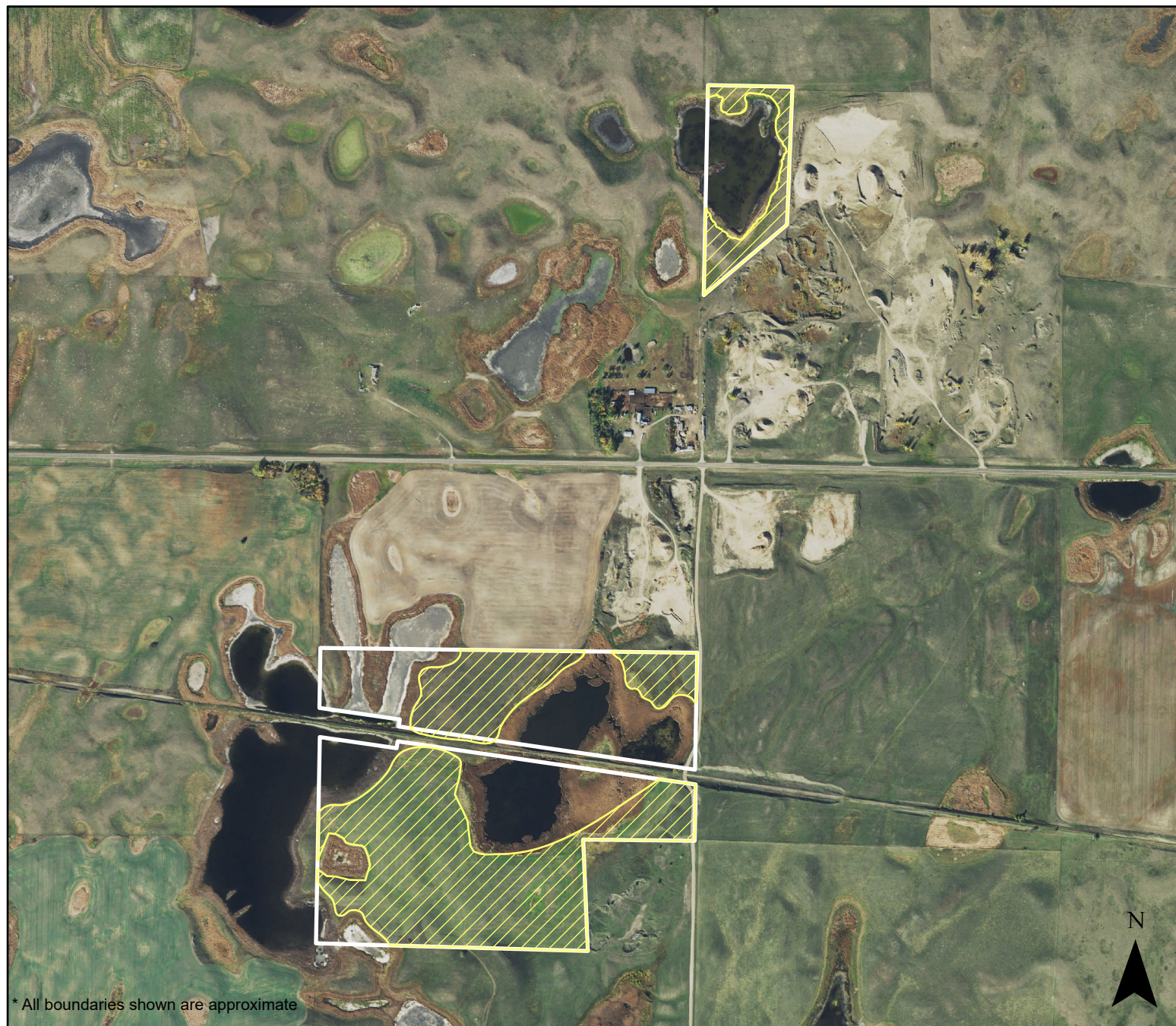
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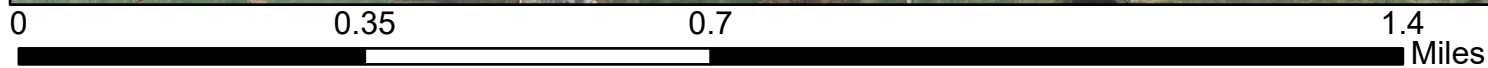
Kreiter/Fox WPA



2024 Haying Area

Sheridan County



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 Area to be Hayed 2023
 WPA Boundry

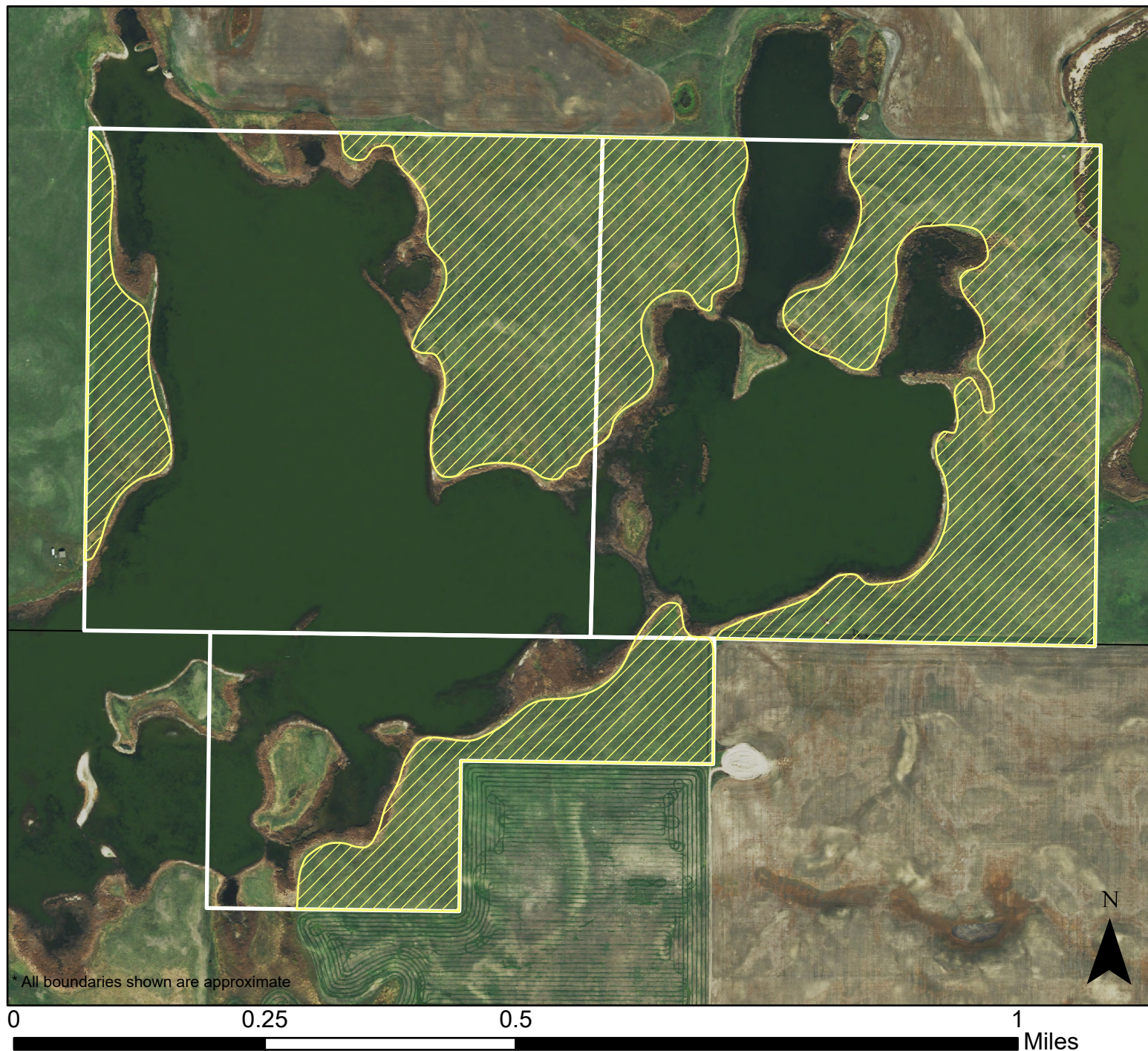
Hay Areas must be raked.
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Papke Goldsmith WPA

2024 Haying Area

Sheridan County



 Area to be Hayed 2023
 WPA Boundry

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Schmeets WPA

2024 Haying Area

Sheridan County



0 0.28 0.55 1.1 Miles

 Area to be Hayed 2023
 WPA Boundry

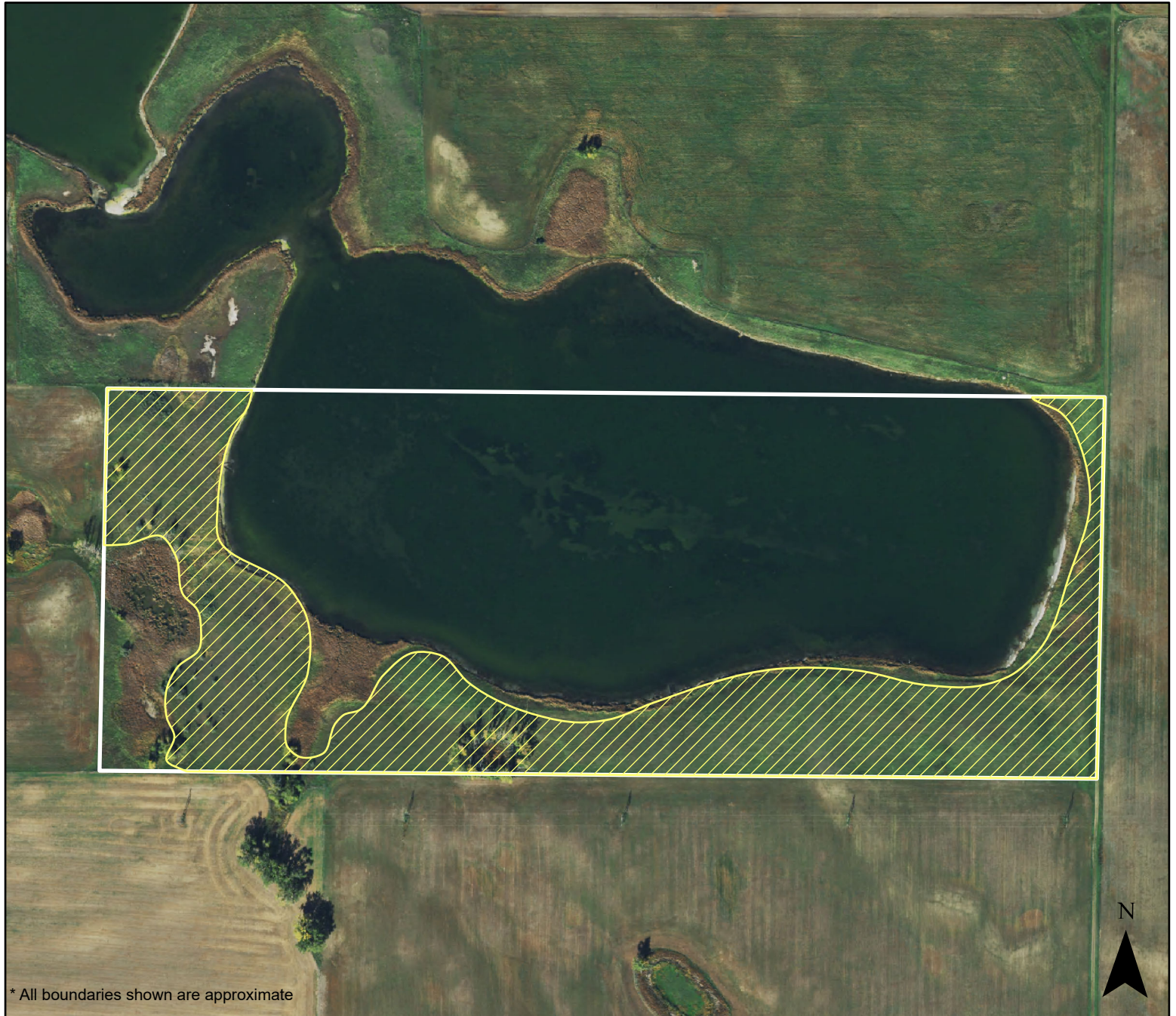
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Stotz WPA



2024 Haying Area

Sheridan County



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 Area to be Hayed 2023
 WPA Boundry

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