



## SOLICITATION FOR CONTRACTOR SERVICES - Request for Quote.

	<b>Submit Proposals To:</b> PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.	
	c/o Project Manager	PF Inc. Contract Officer:
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### SOLICITATION DETAILS

<b>Type of Solicitation:</b>	Request for Proposal - Full & Open Competition
<b>Solicitation Opening Date:</b>	10/24/2024
<b>Due Date:</b>	11/8/2024 5:00 <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM
<b>Expected Award Notice Date:</b>	11/15/2024
	LATE RESPONSES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED
	PF requests your quote remain valid for 90 days
<input type="checkbox"/> PF intends to make a single award to one contractor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PF intends to make multiple awards to multiple contractors	

### PROJECT DETAILS

<b>Project Name:</b>	Tree & Brush Removal - Audubon Wetland Management District
<b>Project Location:</b>	Various locations throughout the Audubon Wetland Management District, North Dakota
<b>Statement of Work:</b>	See detailed Statement of Work below.
<b>Work cannot start prior to:</b>	Receipt of PF's written Notice of Acceptance
<b>Work completion Date:</b>	3/15/2025

### CONTRACTOR'S QUOTE SUMMARY

<input type="checkbox"/> I am familiar with the local conditions affecting the cost of work. <input type="checkbox"/> I have read and agree to all of the Contract Terms below including the Scope of Work & Services and Standard Compliance Terms Attachment. <input type="checkbox"/> I have completed itemized pricing breakdowns requested in attachment A. <input type="checkbox"/> I hereby propose to furnish all items required for the completion of the project as described for the price per task noted in Attachment A	<b>TOTAL QUOTE / BID:</b> <b>Multiple projects available in Attachment A. Contractor does not need to bid on all projects to provide bids Per Task</b>
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
YOUR SUBMISSION OF A SIGNED QUOTE INDICATES YOUR OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALL TERMS.	

PF'S WRITTEN NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE (WHETHER BY US MAIL, FAX OR E-MAIL) WILL FINALIZE THE EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT WITHOUT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION OR SIGNATURE BY EITHER PARTY.

## SCOPE OF WORK & SERVICES

<b>Type of Services:</b>	Tree and brush removal and treatment to enhance grassland habitat.
<b>Licenses Required:</b>	If any of the activities described in this Solicitation require specific licenses or certifications, your application for the activity indicates you have the required certification to perform the work. <i>Please include copies of any licenses or certificates held to apply any of the practices in this Scope of Work.</i>
<b>Plans, Maps, or Documents Incorporated into this Solicitation:</b>	The following are attached and incorporated into this Solicitation: - Project Map
<b>Reports Required:</b>	Contractor is required to provide a summary of treatments with dates noted for each treatment.
<b>Questions:</b>	All inquiries and all correspondence concerning this solicitation should be submitted to the Project Manager listed on the first page. Contractors should contact <u>only</u> the Project Manager issuing the solicitation about any aspect prior to contract award.
<b>Site Inspection:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> There are no site inspections for this project. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact the following person to schedule a site examination: <input type="checkbox"/> Project Manager listed above, or <input type="checkbox"/> Name: Kelly Madsen Title: Refuge Manager Address: 3275 11 <sup>th</sup> St NW Coleharbor, ND 58540 Phone: 701-442-5474: Mobile 701-721-3450 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kelly_madsen@fws.gov">kelly_madsen@fws.gov</a> Fax:
<b>Factors Considered in awarding the contract(s):</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical pass/fail evaluation based on proposed work plan.</li> <li>2. Price</li> <li>3. Personnel Qualification</li> <li>4. Prior Experience</li> </ol> <p>Pricing will be evaluated for only those contractors who pass the technical portion of the evaluation. Total price will be the only pricing evaluated for award.</p>
<b>Insurance Requirements:</b>	<p>In addition to the applicable provisions under the Additional Contract Terms section below, the following insurance requirements also apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contractor will procure and maintain, until all of Contractor's obligations are satisfied, insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, Contractor's agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.</li> <li>2. The insurance requirements herein are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. PF in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work</li> </ol>

under this Agreement by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors, and Contractor is free to purchase additional insurance.

3. Contractor will provide:

a. **Field Service Contractors** conducting restoration or enhancement field work will provide:

i. Certificate of Insurance for Commercial General Liability Insurance with minimum coverage as indicated below.

ii. Additional Insured Endorsement with:

1. Reference to the policy number and the insured as they appear on the certificate.

2. Reference to the additional covered party as "Pheasants Forever, Inc., its members, subsidiaries, directors & officers, agents, and employees individually and collectively"

iii. Certificate holder should be listed on certificate as:

PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC. 1783 Buerkle Circle, St. Paul, MN 55110

iv. The following Minimum Coverage levels are required for the following types of work.

Restoration / Enhancement hand tools only

\$500,000 per occurrence / \$1,000,000 aggregate

Restoration / Enhancement - power tools or heavy equipment

\$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate

Prescribed Burning

\$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate

4. If Contractor receives a cancellation notice from an insurance carrier providing coverage for activities in this agreement, Contractor agrees to notify PF within 5 business days by providing a copy of the cancellation document, unless Contractor's policy(s) contain a provision stating that coverage will not be cancelled without at least 30 days advance written notice to PF.

5. Contractor will provide a certified copy of the insurance policy(s) at PF's request.

6. The failure of PF to collect the certificate of insurance for the policies required will not constitute a waiver of the insurance requirements by PF.

7. Failure of Contractor to carry adequate insurance will not relieve Contractor of their liability or duty to indemnify PF.

### SCOPE OF WORK / TASKS

See EXHIBIT A – Statement of Work, Project Locations, Maps and Bid Sheet.

## PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

### A. Submission Procedures

1. Proposals may be submitted by mail or by e-mail.
2. Addressed to the Project Manager specified above.
3. Proposal must include all required forms and narrative sections described in this RFP. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. Include copies of any licenses or certificates held to apply any of the practices in this Scope of Work.
5. Do not include letters of support, endorsement, industry awards or recommendations.

### B. Submission Format

1. Contractors shall submit proposals in response to this solicitation in English.
2. Please submit the following:
3. COMPLETED QUOTE SUMMARY (Page 1 Above)
4. COVER PAGE: Contractor should submit a cover page showing:
  - i. The Project Name & date submitted;
  - ii. Contractor's name, address, telephone, fax numbers, etc.
  - iii. Type of organization.
    - Sole proprietorship;
    - Partnership;
    - Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);
    - Corporate entity (tax-exempt);
    - Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
    - Other\_\_\_\_\_;
  - iv. Contact information - Names, titles, telephone, fax number and email of the person(s) authorized to act on the Contractor's behalf in connection with this solicitation.
5. ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AS REQUESTED IN SCOPE OF WORK & SERVICES

## CONTRACT TERMS

### 1. Confidentiality.

During the period of performance Contractor may have access to private or confidential information owned or controlled by PF. This information may include records, processes and specifications owned / licensed or used by PF in connection with the operation of its business including, without limitation, processes, procedures, policies, methods, lists (of members, donors, chapters, customers, etc.) (collectively "PF Information"). Contractor and its agents and employees will:

- a. Use a reasonable degree of care to keep confidential all PF Information (using no less than the same degree of care which the Contractor uses to protect its own proprietary and confidential information); and,
- b. Obtain PF's prior written approval before copying, publishing or disclosing any PF Information to others, and will not authorize anyone else to copy, publish or disclose it to others, without PF's prior written approval; and,
- c. Apply this standard to any marketing materials, press releases or disclosures to other media outlets; and,
- d. Only make use of PF Information for the purpose of performing Contractor's obligations under this Agreement; and,
- e. Agree to return any PF Information to PF whenever requested.

**2. No Minimum Quantity.** An award under this solicitation in no way obligates Pheasants Forever, Inc. to purchase any minimum quantity. Where job sheets or task orders are used, each job sheet / task order will stand on its own insofar as it obligates Pheasants Forever, Inc.

### 3. Evaluation & Selection.

- a. Pheasants Forever, Inc. will select a Contractor whose offer is most advantageous to Pheasants Forever, Inc., determined at its sole discretion.
- b. PF reserves the right to reject any and all offers for any reason whatsoever in PF's sole discretion; to waive immaterial project requirements; and to pursue purchasing in a manner that is in the best interests of PF.
- c. PF intends to evaluate quotes and award the contract(s) without discussions with Contractors (except for clarification purposes). Therefore, the Contractor's initial quote should contain the Contractor's best terms from a cost / price and technical standpoint.
- d. Unsuccessful vendors under this opportunity may submit a written request for information as to the winning bid and successful vendor. Information provided will pertain only to this opportunity.

### 4. Payments.

Invoices and any supporting documentation should be submitted to the Project Manager. Payment will be made to Contractor only after receipt of an approved, itemized invoice and any other documentation required under the Scope of Work and Services (i.e.: seed mix information, etc.).

- a. Eligibility. Eligible expenses include those allowable expenses, incurred during the performance period, which are consistent with the Scope of Work and Services.
- b. Frequency. Payment will be processed no more frequently than monthly. Invoices are due within thirty (30) days of work completion and invoices for any work completed prior to June 30 must be submitted by July 15. Failure to submit invoices by these timelines may result in nonpayment. Contractor should submit all invoices to the Project Manager. Once PF Inc. receives an approved invoice from the Project Manager, payments will generally issue within 45 days.
- c. Documentation. Invoices must be itemized and include a brief description of services provided including the number of acres and the type of treatment, if any.

### 5. Preliminary Requirements. Successful Contractor will submit the following to PF within 30 days of receipt of the award notice letter:

- i. SAM Registry,
- ii. Proof of a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number,
- iii. Completed and signed Form W9,
- iv. Audited financial statements & Single Audit audit report (nonprofit organizations only).

*Please note that payments cannot issue until this documentation is provided.*

### 6. Standard Compliance Terms Attachment.

The Parties agree that compliance with the Standard Compliance Terms attachment are incorporated by reference as part of this agreement, is binding on the parties. The contract will become null and void if a) Contractor is unable to comply with or show proof of compliance with the Standard Terms after the execution of the Agreement; or b) if Contractor becomes non-compliant during the period of performance and is unable to cure within a reasonable time.

*Note: If attachment is missing contact the contract officer or project manager listed above.*

### 7. Performance of Work & Services.

- a. Both parties agree that Contractor has full control over the manner and means through which services will be performed, subject to meeting the standards required by PF and any agency partners, as defined in the attached Scope of Work and Services.
- b. Contractor warrants that no other agreement is violated by performing these services.
- c. Contractor agrees that work not meeting the standards required by PF will be corrected.

- d. Contractor warrants that no laws will be violated in performing any services.
- e. Contractor guarantees that s/he is competent to carry out the services which s/he has undertaken in this contract. Any material misrepresentation shall lead to immediate termination of this agreement.

**8. Independent Contractor.**

This Agreement shall not render the Contractor an employee, partner, agent of, or joint venturer with PF or the affiliated agency(s) for any purpose. The Contractor is and will remain an independent contractor in relationship to PF or the affiliated agency(s). PF will not be responsible for withholding taxes with respect to the Contractor's compensation hereunder. The Contractor will have no claim against PF or the affiliated agency(s) hereunder or otherwise for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, worker's compensation, health or disability benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind.

- a. Insurance. Contractor will carry any required liability insurance relative to any work or service performed for PF and will not be eligible for claims on PF's insurance policies.
- b. Tools & Equipment. The Contractor shall supply all equipment or tools or instruments needed to perform the services under this agreement except as occasionally required.
- c. Non-exclusivity. The Contractor's relationship to PF is non-exclusive and Contractor is free to engage in other work for other entities.
- d. Assistants. If the Contractor employs assistants to perform the services described above, all provisions in this Agreement including but not limited to indemnification shall be binding upon all assistants of the Contractor. Any payments to assistants of the Contractor to perform the services under this agreement must be paid by the Contractor. PF agrees that all directives or instructions to assistants will be communicated through the Contractor.
- e. No Agency. Contractor (including its officers, directors, employees and volunteers, if any) shall not hold itself out as agent, representative or employee of PF under any circumstance.

**9. Copyrights & Intellectual Property.** The parties expressly agree that any work commissioned by PF which creates tangible or intangible property as a result of this Agreement is a work made for hire and that all copyrights vest in PF. The parties expressly agree that all ideas, know-how, data (including study results), and other intellectual property generated by PF or commissioned by PF through this Agreement will be the sole and exclusive property of PF. Inventorship will be determined in accordance with U.S. Patent laws.

**10. Indemnification.** Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless PF (including its officers, directors, employees and volunteers) against any demands, claims, damages to persons or property, losses and liabilities including reasonable attorneys' fees (collectively "Claims") arising out of or caused by Contractor's (including its officers, directors, employees and volunteers acting on its behalf) acts or omissions in the execution, performance or failure to adequately perform Contractor's obligations under this Agreement. Contractor shall not have waived or be deemed to have waived, by reason of this paragraph, any defense which it may have with respect to such Claims.

**11. Liability.** To the extent provided by law, each Party shall be liable for its own acts (including the acts of its officers, directors, employees and volunteers – if any – acting on behalf of the Party). In the event of any Claims arising out of the negligence of both the Contractor and PF, each party shall be responsible (including reasonable attorney's fees and costs) based upon its proportionate share of negligence.

## STANDARD COMPLIANCE TERMS ATTACHMENT

### I. ACCOUNTS, AUDITS AND RECORDS

- (a) Records Maintenance. Partner/Contractor agrees to maintain books, records, documents and other evidence pertaining to all costs and expenses incurred and revenues acquired under this Agreement to the extent and such detail as will properly reflect all costs and expenses for which reimbursement is claimed. These records will be maintained for a minimum period of three years after the final report is submitted.
- (b) Inspection. The books and accounts, documents, files and other records of Partner/Contractor directly pertaining to this Agreement, will at all times be available for examination, excerpt, transcription or audit by PF and/or the United States Government and its authorized representatives to determine the proper application and use of all funds paid to Partner/Contractor.
- (c) Disallowance. Partner/Contractor shall be responsible for reimbursing PF or the U.S. Government for a sum of money equivalent to the amount of any expenditure that may be disallowed related to the work or service Partner/Contractor has performed.
- (d) Administrative Requirements. The administration requirements cited in OMB Circulars and Federal Acquisition Regulations, as applicable, are incorporated by reference herein.

### II. REQUIRED ASSURANCES & CERTIFICATIONS

If the firm is unable to comply with or show proof of compliance with the following provisions within 30 days of the award and throughout the duration of the award, then the contract with Partner/Contractor will become null and void. Partner/Contractor may cure within a reasonable time by demonstrating compliance.

- (a) Debarment and Suspension. Partner/Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it is not presently debarred, suspended, or proposed for department or declared ineligible for participation in Federal grants or contracts, in accordance with OMB guidelines. The Partner/Contractor also agrees to include the above requirements in any and all subcontracts into which it enters. The Partner/Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer if, during the term of this contract, Partner/Contractor becomes debarred. Pheasants Forever, Inc. may immediately terminate this contract by providing Partner/Contractor written notice if Partner/Contractor becomes debarred during the term of this contract.
- (b) Certification of Drug-Free Workplace. Partner/Contractor certifies that it has implemented appropriate policy in accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.
- (c) Certification of Equal Employment Opportunity. The Partner/Contractor and any of our subcontractors, vendors, or business partners shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR §§ 60-1.4(a), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a). These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, national origin, and for inquiring about, discussing or disclosing compensation. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.
- (d) Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act. For contracts in excess of \$2000 for construction or repair of public work, Partner/Contractor certifies compliance with the Copeland Act.
- (e) Certification Regarding Lobbying. Partner/Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no federal funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of Partner/Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence a federal officer or employee of any agency in connection with the awarding of any Federal Award.
- (f) Clean Air Act and Water Pollution Control Act  
If the contract exceeds \$100,000, then Partner/Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders and regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).
- (g) E-VERIFY. Partner/Contractor hereby certifies that it has used E-VERIFY to verify the employment eligibility of **all** employees working for Partner/Contractor. Individuals who are self-employed are exempt from E-Verify but must comply with related State statutes or regulations. Partner/Contractor understands and

agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required by State and Federal law for employment under this Agreement and the Partner/Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if lawful presence cannot be verified.

- (h) Employee Whistleblower Protection. Contractor agrees to comply with the United States Code (U.S.C.) 4712, Enhancement of Recipient and Subrecipient Employee Whistleblower Protection:
  - i. This contract, related subawards, and related contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold and all employees working on this award, related subawards, and related contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold are subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies established at 41 U.S.C. 4712.
  - ii. Recipients, their subrecipients, and their contractors awarded contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold related to this award, shall inform their employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of the employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712.
  - iii. The Contractor shall insert this clause, including this paragraph iii, in all subawards and contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold related to this award.
- (i) FFATA Compliance. Partner/Contractor agrees to comply with all FFATA requirements and to provide any information needed by PF to comply with reporting requirements under FFATA within 15 days of the contract award.
  - i. Partner/Contractor hereby agrees to provide a written statement to Pheasants Forever showing the total compensation of its top five executives within 15 days of the contract award; **OR**,
  - ii. Partner/Contractor hereby certifies that executive compensation information is already available through reporting to the SEC; **OR**
  - iii. Partner/Contractor hereby certifies that it receives *less than 80%* of its annual gross revenues from the Federal government *and* those revenues are *less than \$25 million* annually.
- (j) 2 CFR part 215.48 and Appendix A. As applicable, Partner/Contractor will comply with all other applicable terms required by 2 CFR part 215.48 and Appendix A, but not otherwise specified herein.

**III. TRADEMARK.** The Pheasants Forever Inc. name, Quail Forever name, and all logos and websites are the exclusive property of Pheasants Forever, Inc. Contractors may not use Pheasants Forever or Quail Forever trademarks or materials without the express written permission of Pheasants Forever, Inc.

#### **IV. OTHER TERMS**

- (a) Entirety & Amendment. This document contains the complete agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior oral or written agreements or warranties between the Parties. No other agreement, amendment, representation or understanding will be binding on the parties unless made in writing by mutual consent of both parties.
- (b) Default. Partner/Contractor's failure to comply with the terms and provisions of the Agreement will constitute a default. Upon default, Partner/Contractor will have a reasonable time to cure the default. PF will have the right to seek administrative, contractual or legal remedies. Also, PF will be entitled to recover all costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees in obtaining specific performance or any other remedies as allowed by law. The election of one remedy will not constitute a waiver of any other available remedies.
- (c) Severability. If any term of this Agreement is severed as invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that term will be deemed valid to the greatest extent possible and the remainder of this Agreement will continue as valid and enforceable.
- (d) Choice of Law & Forum. The parties agree this Agreement is governed by the laws of Minnesota and applicable Federal Laws and that any dispute in which direct negotiations fail will be finally resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction in the state of Minnesota.
- (e) Assignability. This Agreement may not be assigned without the written consent of PF. If the Agreement is assigned, all provisions of the Agreement will be binding on the successors or assigns.
- (f) Waiver. Failure to exercise, or any delay in exercising, any right or remedy provided under this agreement or by law will not constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor will it preclude or restrict any further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
- (g) Termination. As applicable, if at any time the underlying funding agreement is terminated, then this Agreement will also be automatically terminated as of the termination date of the underlying funding



agreement. PF may terminate this Agreement at any time by thirty (30) days written notice to Partner/Contractor of intent to terminate. If Partner/Contractor is convicted of any crime or offense, fails or refuses to comply with the written policies or reasonable directive of PF, is guilty of serious misconduct in connection with performance under the Agreement, or materially breaches provisions of this Agreement, then PF at any time may terminate the engagement of the Partner/Contractor immediately and without prior written notice. If this Agreement is terminated PF will timely pay the final invoice for satisfactory work completed prior to termination.

# Exhibit A

## Statement of Work

### Overview:

Pheasants Forever, Inc., is seeking bids from qualified contractors to conduct tree removal and treatment to enhance grassland habitat on National Wildlife Refuges System lands in North Dakota. National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) and Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) are managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and onsite work must be coordinated with the Refuge Manager. Pheasants Forever, Inc. will solicit bids from qualified contractors, award contracts, and make payments upon satisfactory completion of project.

### Project Details:

**Equipment:** Ultimately, it is the contractor's responsibility to decide what equipment to use under various circumstances to achieve the desired outcome. The contractor may sublet any part of the project; however, the contractor remains responsible for successful completion of the project in accordance with the site-specific project description below. In addition all subcontracts are subject to the Contract Terms and Standard Compliance Terms agreed to by the Partner/Contractor. All project costs must be included in one single bid.

**Bid Submittal:** All bids must be submitted to Pheasants Forever, Inc. by the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. While we do request that bid be broken down on the bid sheet by activity, the final bid award will be based on the final bid number representing all restoration work. **Please use the bid sheet enclosed with this solicitation and ensure your final bid is a single amount per project that includes all costs and expenses for mobilization, materials, labor, equipment, etc.**

**Bid vs. Final Cost:** It is expected that bids will be complete, accurate, and be sufficient to cover all necessary work to satisfactorily complete the project as described. The contractor that is awarded the contract will be held to the total dollar amount of their bid unless unreasonable, unforeseen circumstances arise. Final bills exceeding the bid amount, especially if more than the overall project budget may not be payable without prior authorization from Pheasants Forever, Inc. Measurements in the plans are estimates based on on-site surveys; however, actual volumes and/or measurements may vary slightly because of uneven terrain and the characteristics of the natural landscape. To the extent practicable, project engineering has attempted to err on the high side of the estimated volumes. Contractors should allow for flexibility in their cost margins if they are concerned about underestimated volumes. Bids must include any associated costs such as mobilization, and extra expenses not reflected in the bid will not be payable. The project manager must be contacted if unforeseen circumstances arise during construction that require changes to the original designs. All changes must be approved by the project manager.

**Timeline for Project Completion:** The contractor must maintain contact with the Site Manager regarding a planned start date and must provide at least a one-week notice before starting work. Once initiated, the project should be completed as quickly as reasonably possible to limit the duration of site disturbance and to reduce the chances that inclement weather might cause delays or damage at vulnerable stages.

If the project is not completed before the deadline due to contractor delays, then the project may be re-bid for the following season or awarded to an alternate contractor based on the original bid.

**Permits and Liabilities:** The Site Manager will provide for any specific permissions or permits necessary to complete the work. The contractor is liable for any damage to any other properties, infrastructure, or personal injuries on-site due to accident or negligence and must carry the required insurance, as specified in the Request for Quote.

**Site Specific Project Description:**

**Tree Removal Specifications:**

**1. Flush cut all trees that are over 4” diameter-at-breast height (DBH)**

- Cut all trees, including those in planted blocks/rows as well as scattered trees throughout the unit.
- All trees larger than 4” DBH must be flush cut within 2” of ground level before 03/15/2025. Any stumps that are left higher than 2” above the ground must be revisited and cut to less than 2” above the ground.
- After flush cutting trees, EACH stump must be treated within 1 hour with 20% Garlon 4 Ultra and 2% Milestone in basal oil and blue dye (V/V%, Ratio Ex: 20 gal. Garlon 4 Ultra, 2 gal. Milestone, 78 gal. Bark oil blue carrier). Colored dye must be used. • All herbicide, basal oil, and dye must be provided by the contractor.
- Site manager will inspect flush cutting to ensure all stumps are treated. If untreated stumps are found, the contractor must recut the stump and apply the Garlon 4 Ultra/Milestone as described above at the contractor’s expense.
- The contractor will be required to retreat if greater than 5% regrowth is observed in the following growing season.
- Tree Piles:
  - All flush cut trees and woody debris must be consolidated into tree piles. Tree pile locations must conform to the following:
  - Tree piles must not be in standing water or in cattails; exact locations of tree piles must receive prior approval by the Site Manager.
  - Fewer piles that are larger in size are preferred to smaller, more numerous piles.
  - Place tree piles directly on existing ground. Do NOT strip off topsoil and stockpile to the side.
  - Trees and woody material must be tightly stacked with an excavator in piles.
  - The piles must have a mixture of fuel sizes throughout the pile; most of the smaller diameter fuels should be placed on the bottom of the pile for more effective burn consumption.
  - Avoid placing the treetops on the tops of the piles with branches protruding toward the sky.
  - **Place the base of trees towards the center of the pile with treetops facing outward. This will ensure the stumps are in the hottest part of the fire.**
  - Avoid placing all the larger tree stumps (largest diameter fuel) in one location.
  - Piles should be located at least 200 feet from the property line unless otherwise approved.
  - **Piles not meeting these specifications will need to be re-piled.**

**2. Mechanically mow/chop all trees under 4” DBH**

- All trees/brush less than 4” DBH must be mechanically mowed/chopped between before 03/15/2025.

- All subsequent resprouts must be mechanically mowed during each of the following dates:
  - i. 8/1/2025 to 9/15/2025
  - ii. 8/1/2026 to 9/15/2026

**\*All garbage, metal, debris, etc. generated by the contractor while completing the project must be collected and properly disposed off-site. All rock piles in the tree removal areas must be buried.**

## **Project Locations:**

### **Unit 1: Audubon NWR**

**County: McLean**

**Legal Description:**     **T. 147 N., R. 83 W., Sections 1, 2, 3, 12**  
                                  **T. 147 N., R. 82 W., Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 20**  
                                  **T. 148 N., R. 82 W., Sections 34**

#### **Location Overview:**

The administrative office for the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge is located 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Coleharbor, North Dakota, from U.S. Highway 83. There are multiple road approaches on the adjacent roads. Habitat on the Refuge and in and around the tree/brush removal areas consists of grassland that has been invaded by woody species. It is imperative that contractors take steps to minimize damage to non-target vegetation and to keep soil disturbance to a minimum.

If a contractor wishes to visit the site(s) before bidding, they may do so at any time. The site(s) have not been staked as of the date of this Request for Quote. Contractors are encouraged to contact the Site Manager regarding site visits and for detailed construction planning information.

### **Unit 2: Cartwright WPA**

**County: Sheridan**

**Legal Description:**     **T. 150 N., R. 74 W., Section 3**

#### **Location Overview:**

The administrative office for the Audubon Wetland Management District is located at the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Coleharbor, North Dakota, from U.S. Highway 83. Cartwright WPA is located 0.75 miles north of Martin, ND. There is one road approach on the adjacent road. Habitat on the WPA and in and around the tree/brush removal areas consists of grassland that has been invaded by woody species. It is imperative that contractors take steps to minimize damage to non-target vegetation and to keep soil disturbance to a minimum.

If a contractor wishes to visit the site(s) before bidding, they may do so at any time. The site(s) have not been staked as of the date of this Request for Quote. Contractors are encouraged to contact the Site Manager regarding site visits and for detailed construction planning information.

### **Unit 3: Butte WPA**

**County: McLean**

**Legal Description: T. 150 N., R. 79 W., Section 36**

#### **Location Overview:**

The administrative office for the Audubon Wetland Management District is located at the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Coleharbor, North Dakota, from U.S. Highway 83. Butte WPA is located 5 miles south and 2 miles west of Butte, ND. There are multiple road approaches on the adjacent roads. Habitat on the WPA and in and around the tree/brush removal areas consists of grassland that has been invaded by woody species. It is imperative that contractors take steps to minimize damage to non-target vegetation and to keep soil disturbance to a minimum.

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### **Unit 4: Dossenko/Blomeke WPA**

**County: McLean**

**Legal Description: T. 150 N., R. 78 W., Section 29**

#### **Location Overview:**

The administrative office for the Audubon Wetland Management District is located at the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Coleharbor, North Dakota, from U.S. Highway 83. Dossenko/Blomeke WPA is located 3 miles south and 0.5 miles west of Butte, ND. There is one road approach on the adjacent road. Habitat on the WPA and in and around the tree/brush removal areas consists of grassland that has been invaded by woody species. It is imperative that contractors take steps to minimize damage to non-target vegetation and to keep soil disturbance to a minimum.

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## **Unit 5: Haugeberg WPA**

**County: McLean**

**Legal Description: T. 149 N., R. 72 W., Sections 7 & 8**

### **Location Overview:**

The administrative office for the Audubon Wetland Management District is located at the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Coleharbor, North Dakota, from U.S. Highway 83. Haugeberg WPA is located 5 miles south and 4 miles east of Max, ND. There is one road approach on the adjacent road. Habitat on the WPA and in and around the tree/brush removal areas consists of grassland that has been invaded by woody species. It is imperative that contractors take steps to minimize damage to non-target vegetation and to keep soil disturbance to a minimum.

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## **Unit 6: McLean NWR**

**County: McLean**

**Legal Description: T. 150 N., R. 88 W., Section 17**

### **Location Overview:**

The administrative office for the Audubon Wetland Management District is located at the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Coleharbor, North Dakota, from U.S. Highway 83. McLean NWR is located 9.5 miles north and 5 miles west of White Shield, ND. There is one road approach on the adjacent road. Habitat on the WPA and in and around the tree/brush removal areas consists of grassland that has been invaded by woody species. It is imperative that contractors take steps to minimize damage to non-target vegetation and to keep soil disturbance to a minimum.

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## **Unit 7: Orluck WPA**

**County: McLean**

**Legal Description: T. 150 N., R. 82 W., Section 15**

### **Location Overview:**

The administrative office for the Audubon Wetland Management District is located at the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Coleharbor, North Dakota, from U.S. Highway 83. Orluck WPA is located 7 miles east and 0.5 miles south of Max, ND. There is one road approach on the adjacent road. Habitat on the WPA and in and around the tree/brush removal areas consists of grassland that has been invaded by woody species. It is imperative that contractors take steps to minimize damage to non-target vegetation and to keep soil disturbance to a minimum.

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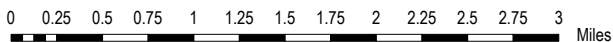
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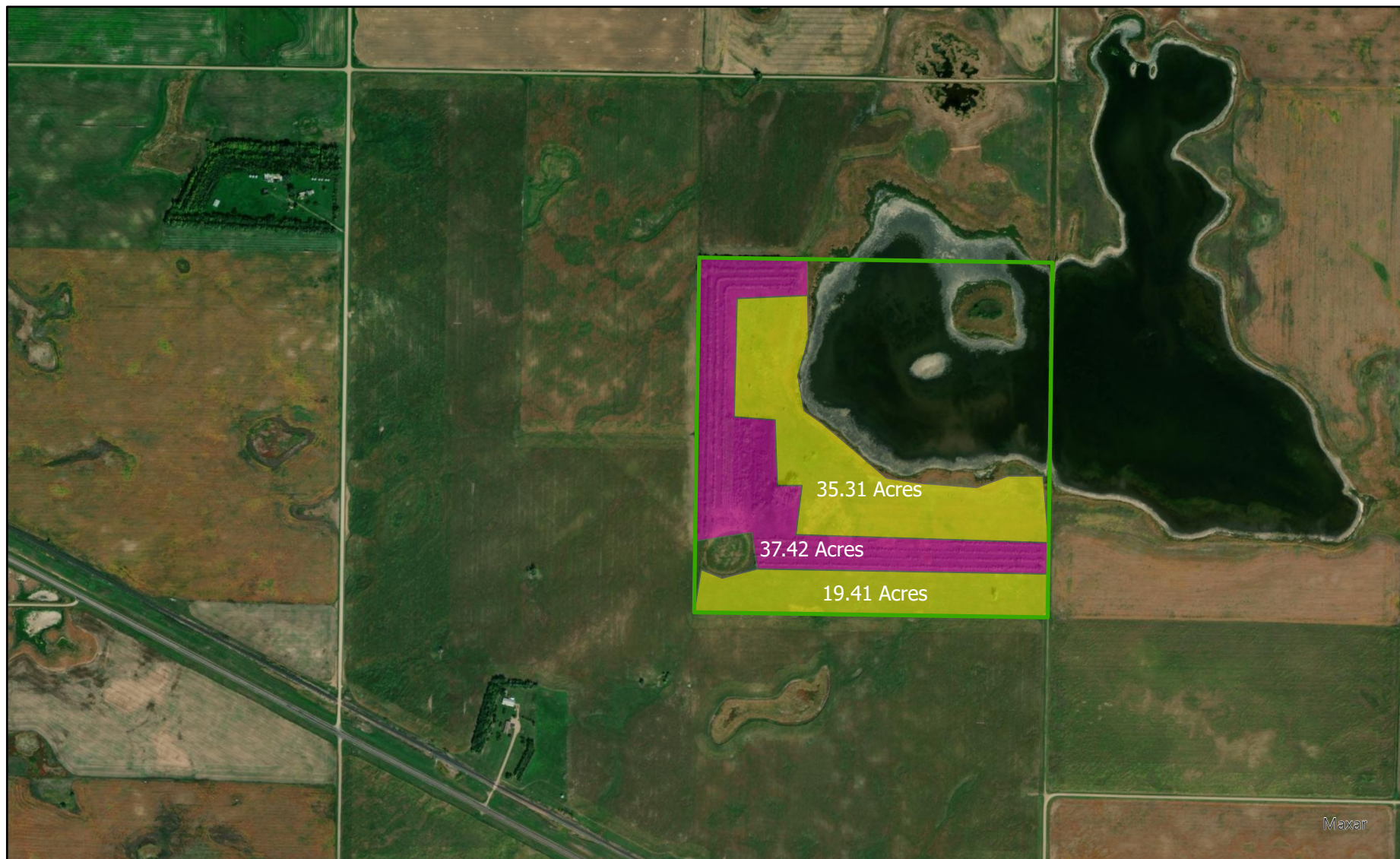
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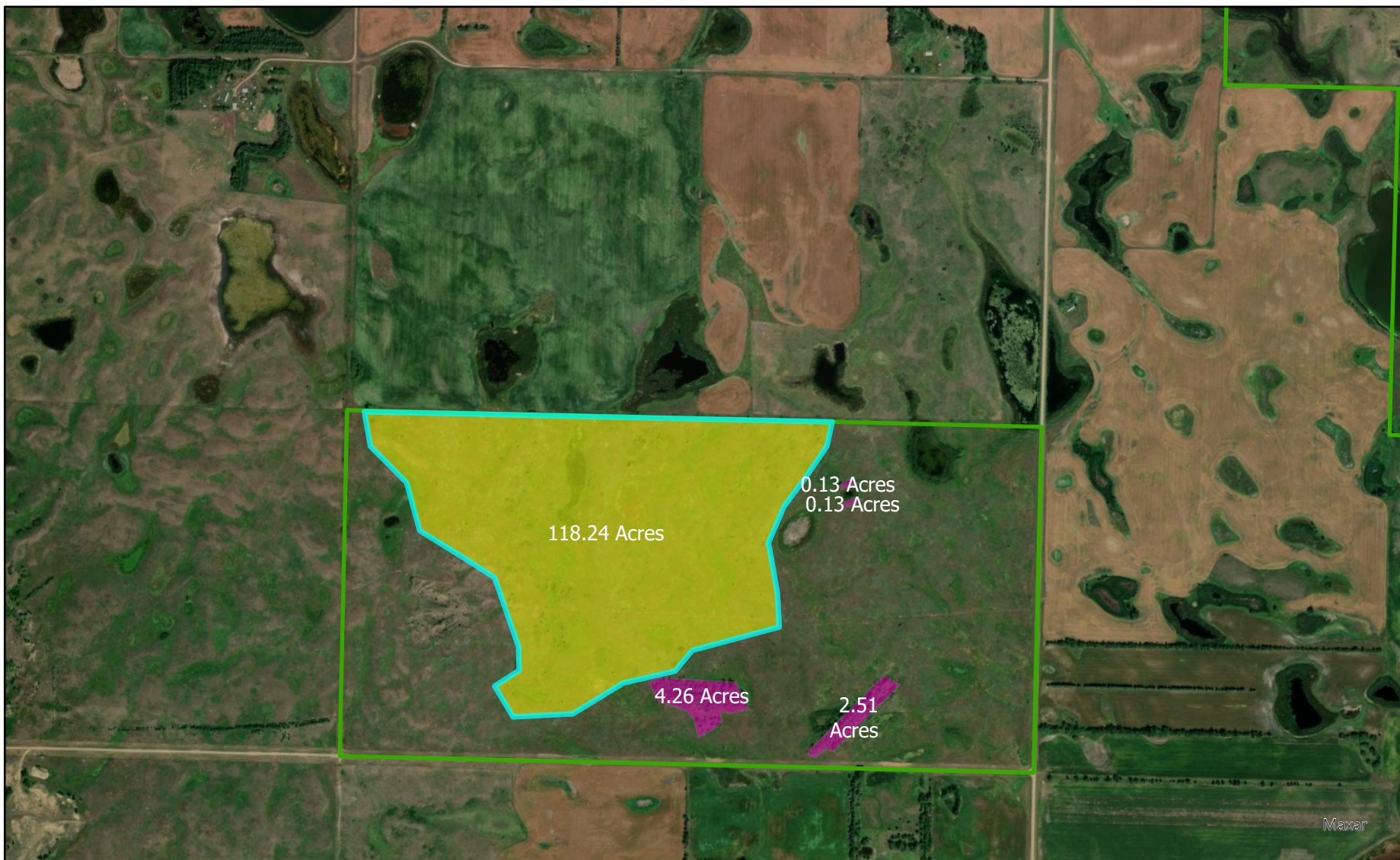
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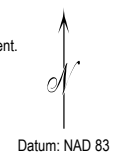


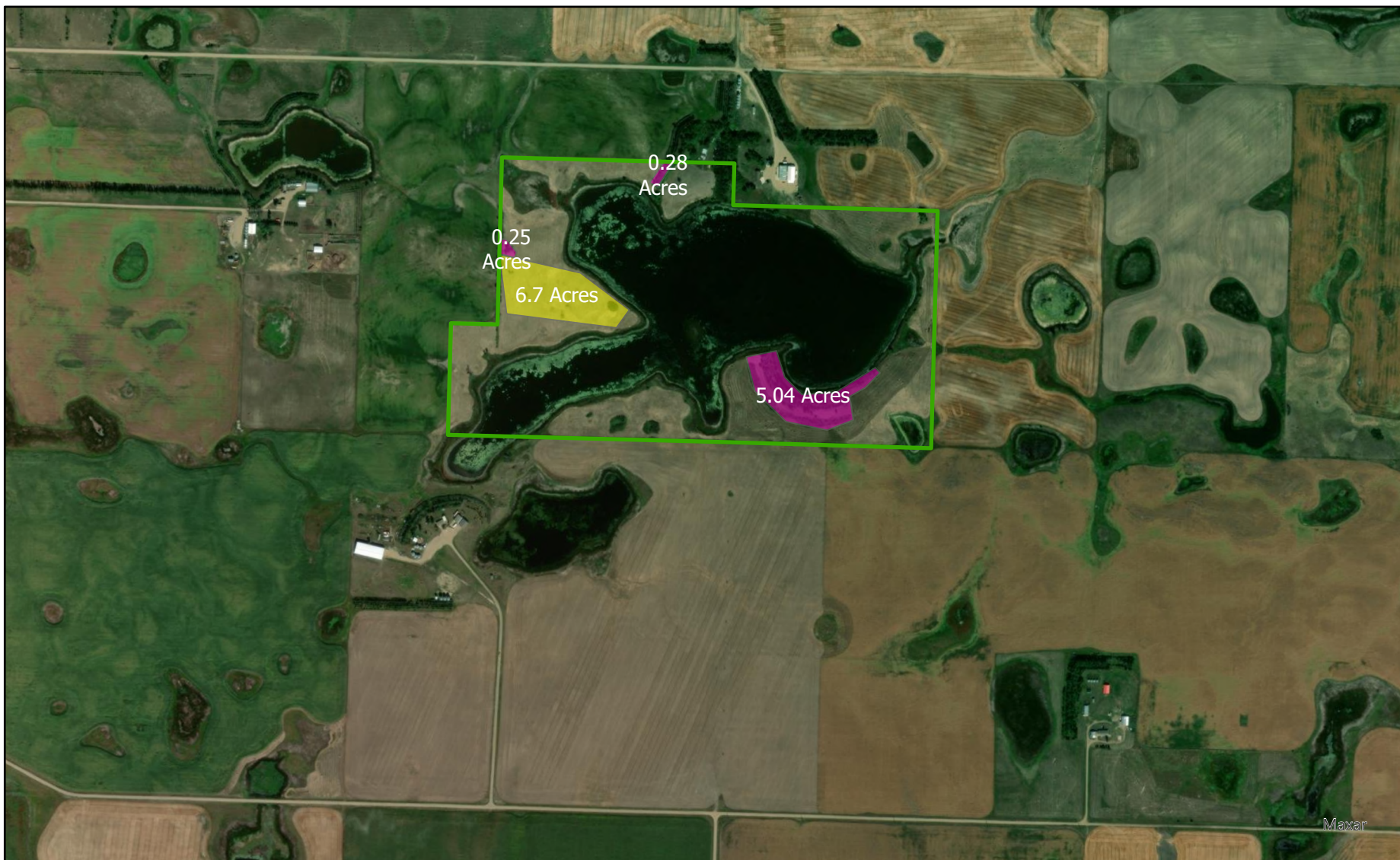
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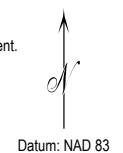


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## Bid Sheet

### Unit 1: Audubon NWR

County: McLean

Legal Description: T. 147 N., R. 83 W., Sections 1, 2, 3, 12  
T. 147 N., R. 82 W., Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 20  
T. 148 N., R. 82 W., Sections 34

Item	Completion Dates	Quantity	Total Price
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	43.1 acres of dense tree/brush groves	
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	56.4 acres of scattered tree/brush	
Total Price -			

### Unit 2: Cartwright WPA

County: Sheridan

Legal Description: T. 150 N., R. 74 W., Section 3

Item	Completion Dates	Quantity	Total Price
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	37.4 acres of dense tree/brush groves	
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	54.7 acres of scattered trees/brush	
Total Price -			

### **Unit 3: Butte WPA**

County: McLean

Legal Description: T. 150 N., R. 79 W., Section 36

Item	Completion Dates	Quantity	Total Price
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	7 acres of dense tree/brush groves	
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	118.2 acres of scattered trees/brush	
Total Price -			

### **Unit 4: Dossenke/Blomeke WPA**

County: McLean

Legal Description: T. 150 N., R. 78 W., Section 29

Item	Completion Dates	Quantity	Total Price
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	11.1 acres of dense tree/brush groves	
Total Price -			

### **Unit 5: Haugeberg WPA**

County: McLean

Legal Description: T. 149 N., R. 72 W., Sections 7 & 8

Item	Completion Dates	Quantity	Total Price
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	5.6 acres of dense tree/brush groves	
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	6.7 acres of scattered tree/brush	
Total Price -			



**Unit 6: McLean NWR**

County: McLean

Legal Description: T. 150 N., R. 88 W., Section 17

Item	Completion Dates	Quantity	Total Price
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	5.14 acres of dense tree/brush groves	
Total Price -			

**Unit 7: Orluck WPA**

County: McLean

Legal Description: T. 150 N., R. 82 W., Section 15

Item	Completion Dates	Quantity	Total Price
➤ Cut & Pile; Chemical Treatments; and Mechanically Mow/Chop	Before 03/15/2025	0.74 acres of dense tree/brush groves	
Total Price -			