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Members of the Budget Section Committee:

The attached packet contains two acquisition proposals for which the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is seeking the Budget Section Committee's approval. The first is located in Sargent County and is approximately 47 acres in size and the second is located in Cavalier County and is approximately 160 acres in size. Before submitting these tracts for the committee's approval the Department complied with North Dakota Century Code 20.1-02-05 and received approval from the necessary jurisdictions.

Sincerely,



Terry Steinwand, Director
North Dakota Game and Fish Department

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Request for Acquisition Approval

47 acres in Sargent County



Terry Steinwand
September 2014

Background

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department (Department) has received an offer from Gary Krause to purchase 47 acres, more or less, in Sargent County adjacent to Tewaukon Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The acreage is mostly expiring CRP. It has been a difficult area for the landowner to access because of high water and the distance to go around with the northeaster border being the river. The landowner has expressed that this piece would be best suited as wildlife habitat and open for the public to enjoy.

The acquisition offer consists of 47 acres, more or less, located in the NE¼ of Section 31-130-53. It is all the acreage south and west of the Wild Rice River in the above mentioned legal description. This tract is bordered on the south by one of the Department's Wildlife Management Areas. Properties adjacent to the Department's existing WMAs are one of the Department's prime criteria for land acquisition. The acquisition of this tract will help protect and manage some of North Dakota's important wildlife species while allowing public use. The Dakota Southeast Chapter of Pheasants Forever has committed \$5,000.00 of their locally raised funds to assist with the acquisition of this property if approval for the Department to proceed is granted. This demonstration of local support by the Dakota Southeast Chapter of Pheasants Forever is another reason for the Department choosing to pursue this acquisition. The appraised value of the property is \$187,000.00. The Department's portion of the acquisition would then be \$182,000.00.

For the reasons mentioned above this will be an excellent addition to the Department's Wildlife Management Area system.

EXHIBIT "A"
Gary Krause Acquisition Area

Seller(s): Gary Krause, PO Box 436, Lidgerwood, ND 58053

Sargent COUNTY, STATE OF North Dakota

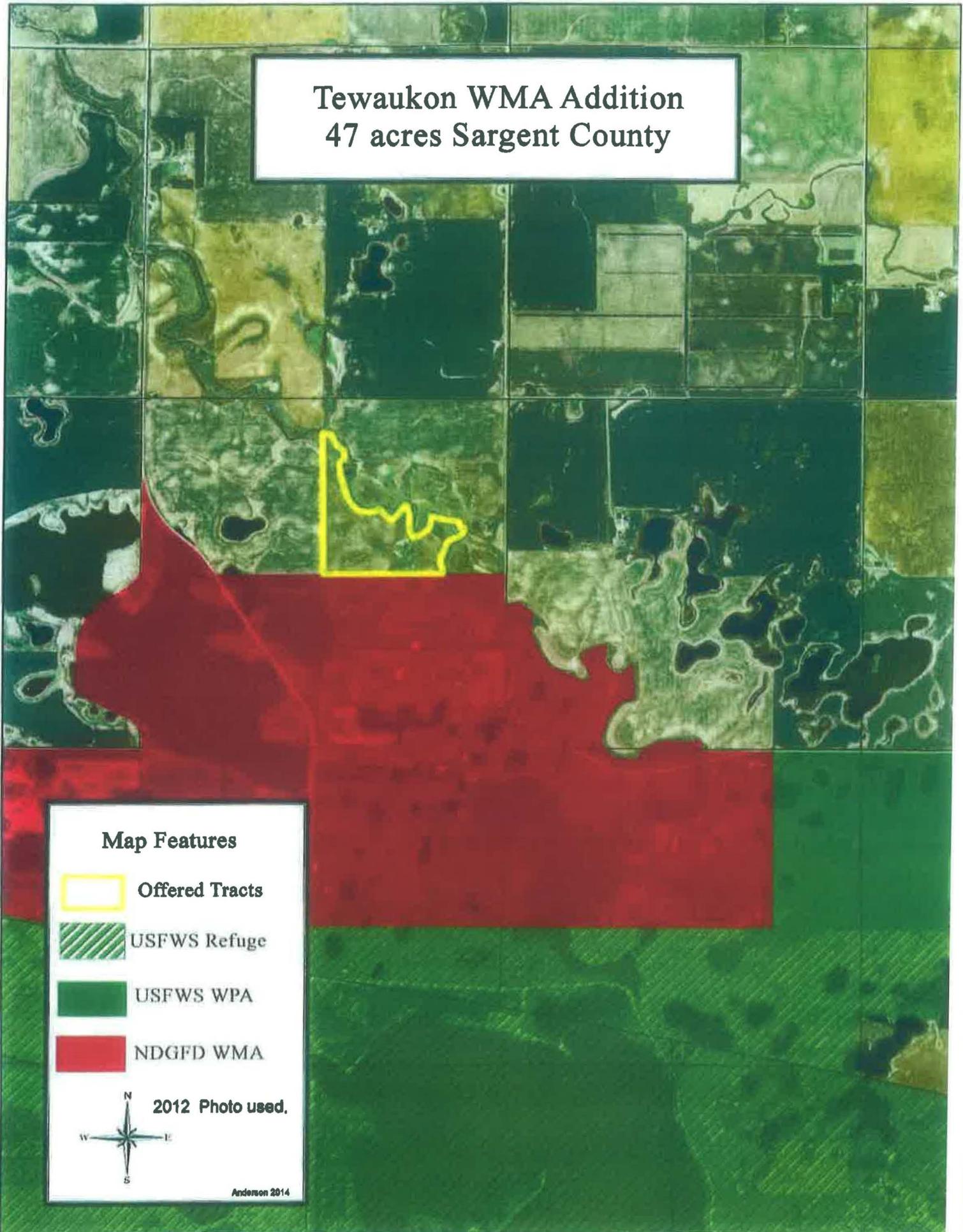
T. 130 N., R. 53 W., Section(s) 31 Quarter Section(s) 47.0 acres in the NE1/4



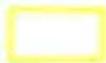
Acquisition
Area

Scale 1:10,560
6 inches equal 1 mile

Tewaukon WMA Addition 47 acres Sargent County



Map Features

-  Offered Tracts
-  USFWS Refuge
-  USFWS WPA
-  NDGFD WMA



2012 Photo used.

North Dakota Game and Fish Department

Request for Acquisition Approval

160 acres in Cavalier County



Terry Steinwand
September 2014

Background

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department (Department) has received an offer from Irene Simons and family to purchase 160 acres in Cavalier County adjacent to Pembina Hills Wildlife Management Area (WMA). It is mostly a native woodland area with 50 acres of expired CRP. Irene Simons family has expressed their desire to maintain this area for wildlife habitat and open for the public to enjoy.

The acquisition offer consists of 160 acres, more or less, located in the SW ¼ of Section 16-162-57. It is bordered on the east by a Department Wildlife Management Area. Properties adjacent to the Department's WMAs are one of the Department's prime criteria for land acquisition. This property is in a key area of importance for the Department and the state of North Dakota. The acquisition of this tract will help protect and manage North Dakota's native woodland habitats along with its north eastern Rocky Mountain Elk herd. This property purchase by the Department would help maintain the continuity of North Dakota's native forests by connecting other native forests already in the Departments Wildlife Management Area system. The many species of wildlife that call this area home require large intact native forested areas and this purchase will only help ensure that native woodlands stay intact. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has committed \$80,000.00 to help with the acquisition of this property if approval for the Department to proceed is granted. The appraised value of the property is \$220,000.00. The Departments portion of the acquisition would then be \$140,000.00.

For the reasons mentioned above this will be an excellent addition to the Department's Wildlife Management Area system.

EXHIBIT "A"
Irene Simons Acquisition Area

seller(s): Irene Simons, 102 SW 7th Street, Troutdale, OR 97060

PUBLIC ACCESS AND WORKING LANDS EASEMENT FOR:

Cavalier COUNTY, STATE OF North Dakota

T. 162 N., R. 57 W., Section(s) 16 Quarter Section(s) SW1/4



Acquisition
Area

Scale 1:10,560
6 inches equal 1 mile

Chuck Pulver WMA Addition
160 acres Cavalier County

Map Features



Offered Tracts



NDGFD WMA



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