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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

CPL1000060

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Name and Contact

Project Identifier:	CPL1000060	Street Address 1:	21851 263rd ST
Project Name:	Wildlife Habitat Enhancements in the Brainerd Lakes Area	Street Address 2:	
Organization Name:	MN Deer Hunters Assoc. (Brainerd Chapter), plus	City:	FORT RIPLEY
Organization Website:	www.mndeerhunters.com/, www.nwtf.org/, www.deltawaterfowl.org/	State:	MN
Organization Contact Person:	Peter E. Lodermeier	Zip Code:	56449-2087
Contact Email:	lody@brainerd.net		
Contact Phone:	218-330-6441		

Location

Primary County: Crow Wing
 Nearest City: Brainerd, MN
 Township: Many
 Project Site Name: Misc WMAs
 Project Site Land Ownership: State
 Other Land Ownership:

Project Information

Primary Activity: Enhancement
 Primary Habitat Type: Forest
 Total Project Acres: 700
 Total Project Sites: 13
 Total Grant Amount Requested: \$72000
 Total Match Amount: \$8000
 Total Project Cost: \$80000
 Project Completion Date: 09/2009 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: This project is a multiple activity proposal to improve forest, prairie/grassland and wetland habitats on State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and State Forest lands in the DNR's Brainerd Wildlife work area (lower Cass, Crow Wing counties). The project will be accomplished through contract with MCC to perform various wildlife habitat enhancement efforts summarized in Attachment A. Daily supervision and shop/storage space for this crew will be provided by the DNR's Brainerd Area Wildlife Office. It is a group effort of all three conservation groups. Benefits: Habitat enhancement efforts of this project are described in the first part of Attachment A also.

Attachments

- [Project Site Information Form](#)
- [Project Budget and Match Description](#)
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Project Site Information

Contact information

Project name:	Wildlife Habitat Enhancements in the Brainerd Lakes Area
Organization:	Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (Brainerd Chapter), National Wildlife Turkey Federation (Central MN Gobblers Chapter), Delta Waterfowl (Brainerd Lakes Chapter)
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Peter Lodermeier (MDHA)

Project information

Project site:	See Attachment A.	Legal :	T	R	S	Q
Project site land manager or easement holder:	State of Minnesota	County:	Cass & Crow Wing			
Private land owner (if applicable):						

Activity (may choose more than one): ☒ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☐ Acquisition

Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☒ Forest ☒ Prairie ☒ Wetland ☒ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

Activity quantity: ☐ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #2, if needed.

Project site:		Legal :	T	R	S	Q
Project site land manager or easement holder:		County:				
Private land owner (if applicable):						

Activity (may choose more than one): ☐ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☐ Acquisition

Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☐ Prairie ☐ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

Activity quantity: ☐ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #3, if needed. Use Additional Project Sites form if needed.

Project site:		Legal :	T	R	S	Q
Project site land manager or easement holder:		County:				
Private land owner						

(if applicable):

Activity (may choose more than one): ☐ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☐ Acquisition

Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☐ Prairie ☐ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat

Activity quantity: ☐ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project timeline:

Time frame	Goal	Time frame	Goal
February-March	Complete MCC contract, MCC hires crew to start in April		
April-May	Waterfowl nest structure maintenance/construction/placement, prescribed fire, etc.		
June-July	Forest opening management, noxious weeds/invasive species control, etc.		
August-September	Forest opening management, forest stand improvements, forest protection, prescribed fire, etc.		

Project description and benefits (box will expand as typed into, not to be longer than 2 pages):

Description: Project is a multiple activity proposal to improve forest, prairie/grassland and wetland habitats on State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) or State Forest lands in the DNR's Brainerd Wildlife work area (lower Cass, Crow Wing counties). Project will be accomplished through the hiring (contract) of a four person Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC) crew for six months that will perform various wildlife habitat enhancement efforts summarized in Attachment A. MCC crew will be hired and administered through a joint contract to the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (Brainerd Chapter), National Wild Turkey Federation (Central Minnesota Gobblers Chapter), and Delta Waterfowl (Brainerd Lakes Chapter). Project site needs, daily supervision and shop/storage space for this crew will be provided by the DNRs Brainerd Area Wildlife Office. As listed under Project Timeline and noted in Attachment A, general thoughts are that a crew will be hired and start on April 1st and work to September 30th on wildlife enhancement activities that are pertinent to the time of year (i.e. April-May: construct/place/maintain wood duck boxes, prescribed fire, etc.; June-July: forest opening management, noxious/invasive species control, etc.; August-September: forest prescribed burns, bud cap jack pine plantings, etc.). Being the first year of this type of effort, estimates on sites, quantities and cost/unit to be accomplished are a best guess at this time. The start of Attachment A also provides a short narrative on proposed work activities and a tie in to various conservation plans.

Benefits: Habitat enhancement efforts of this project are described in the first part of Attachment A.

Please provide the answers to the following questions. Boxes will expand as typed into.

1. For lands acquired in fee title that will be turned over to a public agency for long-term management:

- a. Provide a description of the work necessary to bring the land up to agency standards and an estimate of the associated cost.

NA

- b. What short- and long-term work is required to manage the land you acquire?

NA

2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:

- a. Who is/will be the long-term manager for the project site?

State of Minnesota, either State Wildlife Management Areas, State Forests, or public wetlands within public lands.

- b. What short- and long-term maintenance work is required to sustain the habitat work you will do?

Of work activities identified in this project, only Waterfowl Nest Structures have a short-term maintenance need. They will need bi-annual checking/maintenance through volunteers, DNR staff or another CPL grant. All other work activities identified in Attachment A. are expected to have a minimum project life expectancy of at least 10 years paid for through DNR funds or another CPL grant.

- c. Who will complete this maintenance work, and how will it be funded?

See b.

- d. Will the CPL funds supplant any existing funds?

Some of the work activities identified in this project have been funded in the past (10 years ago) through DNR Wildlife funds, but have not been recently undertaken due to project priority and funding issues. The vast majority of these efforts supplement/add to existing habitat efforts.

As required by 2009 MN Session Law, Chapter 172 subd. 10 (8), “any agency or entity receiving an appropriation must, for any project funded in whole or in part with funds from the appropriation, give consideration to and **make timely written contact with the Minnesota Conservation Corps** for consideration of possible use of their services to contract for restoration and enhancement

services". Contact MCC at cplg@conservationcorps.org, or email a copy of this form to the same address. For more information on costs, crew capabilities, etc., visit MCC's website at <http://www.conservationcorps.org/useacrew.html>.

Signature:

☒ I certify that I have read the Conservation Partners Legacy Grants Program **Request for Proposal, Program Manual** and other program documents, and have discussed this project with the appropriate public land manager, or private landowner and easement holder. I am authorized to apply for and manage these grant and match funds, and the project work by the organization or agency listed below. I have made timely written notification to MCC regarding my project.

Signature:	Organization/ Agency:
Title:	Date:

Please save this document to your computer or electronic storage device and attach this document as specified on the online submittal form when ready to apply. Contact [CPL Grant Staff](#) with any questions.

Work Activity Summary

Forest Stand Improvement: As part of various planning efforts (e.g. Subsection Forest Resource Management Planning), an increase in the red oak forest type has been identified as a landscape priority. MCC Crew will perform stand improvement/release efforts on red oak stands as determined necessary by DNR Wildlife staff.

Prairie/Grassland Management: Several large, old fields on State WMAs have significant amounts of trees/brush that have invaded along the edges of these fields. MCC Crew will hand cut, remove (pile, burn) and herbicide invading trees/brush.

Habitat Evaluation/Monitoring: MCC Crew will assist DNR staff with Native Plant Community (NPC) field inventory efforts for work activities in this project that may trigger NPC inventory needs. Expected to be only a few sites, probably for Noxious/Invasive Weed Control (Buckthorn) and Forest Stand Improvement efforts.

Waterfowl Nest Structures: DNR Brainerd Area Wildlife currently maintains 200+- wood duck boxes. MCC Crew will assist in the maintenance of existing boxes and construct/place an additional 200 new wood duck boxes on public lands/wetlands.

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CPL Project Application Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION

Land manager/ easement holder name:	State of Minnesota, DNR		
Title:	Gary Drotts, DNR Area Wildlife Manager	Date of meeting:	10/26/09
Phone:	218.833.8620	Proposal ID #:	
Email:	gary.drotts@state.mn.us	(assigned by agency, optional)	

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Wildlife Habitat Enhancements in the Brainerd Lakes Area	Organization:	MDNA, NWTf, Delta Waterfowl
Contact Person:	Peter Lodermeier		
Email:	lody@brainerd.net	Daytime Phone:	218.330.6441

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ☒ I have read the application and discussed this proposed project with the above listed Organization Contact Person.
- ☐ For work on easements, the private landowner has been contacted and has given support and approval for this project.

I have performed a Natural Heritage Database review and found:

- ☐ this project to have no features within one mile.
- ☒ this project to have features within one mile, but project is not likely to adversely affect those features. I have recommended the following minimization strategy:

- ☐ this project is likely to adversely affect Natural Heritage features. I feel that this project is important and should be forwarded to DNR Ecological Resources staff for further review.

- ☐ I do not have access to the Natural Features database and will forward this completed form to DNR within 3 business days to [CPL Staff](mailto:CPLStaff@LSCPLGrants.DNR@dnr.state.mn.us) at LSCPLGrants.DNR@dnr.state.mn.us for review.

I have discussed what role my office will be expected to have in this project and find that the project, as described will require:

- ☐ minimal or no involvement from my office for completion.
- ☒ a commitment of involvement by staff that is reasonable and can be accomplished with current staffing levels and workload.

- ☐ an amount of staff involvement that cannot be committed during the project time period with current staffing levels. Unless additional staffing can be committed from other offices, Divisions or appropriate partners, I feel this project cannot be completed within the project timeline to our desired standards.

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☒ I have discussed permits and applications that the applicant may be responsible for using the Working on DNR Lands and Working on Public Lands, or Working on Private Lands documents.

Upon final review of this project:

- ☒ I find this project to be consistent with sound conservation science. This work will benefit area fish, game and wildlife by restoring, enhancing or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies and habitat and is consistent with the management or stewardship plan for this land. (APPROVAL)
- ☐ I find that this project does not follow the management or stewardship plan for this land and does not fit within the long range goals for this land at this time on the local level. (DECLINE)
- ☐ I find that this project should be sent up to a higher level within the agency for further review and decision. I have forwarded the Project Planning Form and this Review and Approval Form for further review to:

Name:		Phone:	
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☒ By checking this box and typing my name below I certify that I have met with the above applicant and discussed the proposed project and have provided feedback to the applicant.

Name:	Gary Drotts, DNR Area Wildlife Manager
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Comments: **Project is a large multi-activity habitat enhancement effort being proposed by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, National Wild Turkey Federation and Delta Waterfowl in conjunction with the DNR's Brainerd Area Wildlife Office. I have spent a lot of time in discussions and preparation of this project with contacts listed, have great faith in their capability to administer this grant and see to it's successful completion.**

Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	

Additional
necessary):

Comments(including approval or denial, reasoning):

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Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

Project name:	Wildlife Habitat Enhancements in the Brainerd Lakes Area
Organization:	MN Deer Hunters Assoc. (Brainerd Chapter), National Wild Turkey Federation (Central MN Gobblers Chapter), Delta Waterfowl (Brainerd Lakes Area Chapter)
Organization contact person (Project Manager):	Peter E. Lodermeier (MDHA)

Please complete all sections and be as detailed as possible for all descriptions under the Details sections. Limit entries in large tables to numbers only, **round to the nearest dollar**. Do not edit table categories, only enter values or text into the table. The tables will adjust to accommodate additional text in each box. If all categories are not needed, please leave those fields blank.

BUDGET: amounts being requested **Note: FY refers to State Fiscal Year: July 1- June 30, with the year reflecting the year that June falls in. For example: if today were September 3rd, 2009 it would be FY2010; December 3rd 2010= FY2011; May 2012= FY2012

Budget Item	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Total
Personnel				
Contracts	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00		
Grant Administration	\$250.00	\$250.00		
Administration/ Environmental Compliance	\$750.00	\$750.00		
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition				
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00		

DETAILS: detail the amounts listed in the above table.

Personnel Details:

Name	Title	Amount

Contract Details:

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount
Minnesota Conservation Corp (4	Habitat enhancement efforts noted in	\$72,000.00

person crew for 6 months)	Attachment A.	

Grant Administration:

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount
Draft project, compile, complete the Application form	Draft forms, compile and forward Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application and attachments	\$500.00

Administration/ Environmental Compliance

Activity	Description	Amount
Project/site coordination with DNR and MCC crew	Meet on a weekly bases with DNR Brainerd Area Wildlife staff and MCC crew to review/check progress of proposed work activities.	\$1,500.00

Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:

NA

Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:

Item	Use	Amount
Herbicides, supplies	Appropriate herbicides labled to stump treat trees and brush, misc. MCC crew support supplies.	\$3,500.00
Lumber, poles ,screws, etc	Build wood duck nesting boxes and supports	\$2,500.00

Travel Details:

Miles	Purpose	Amount

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Additional Budget Items Details:

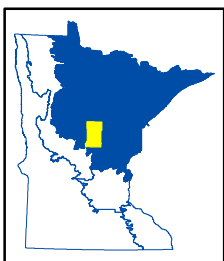
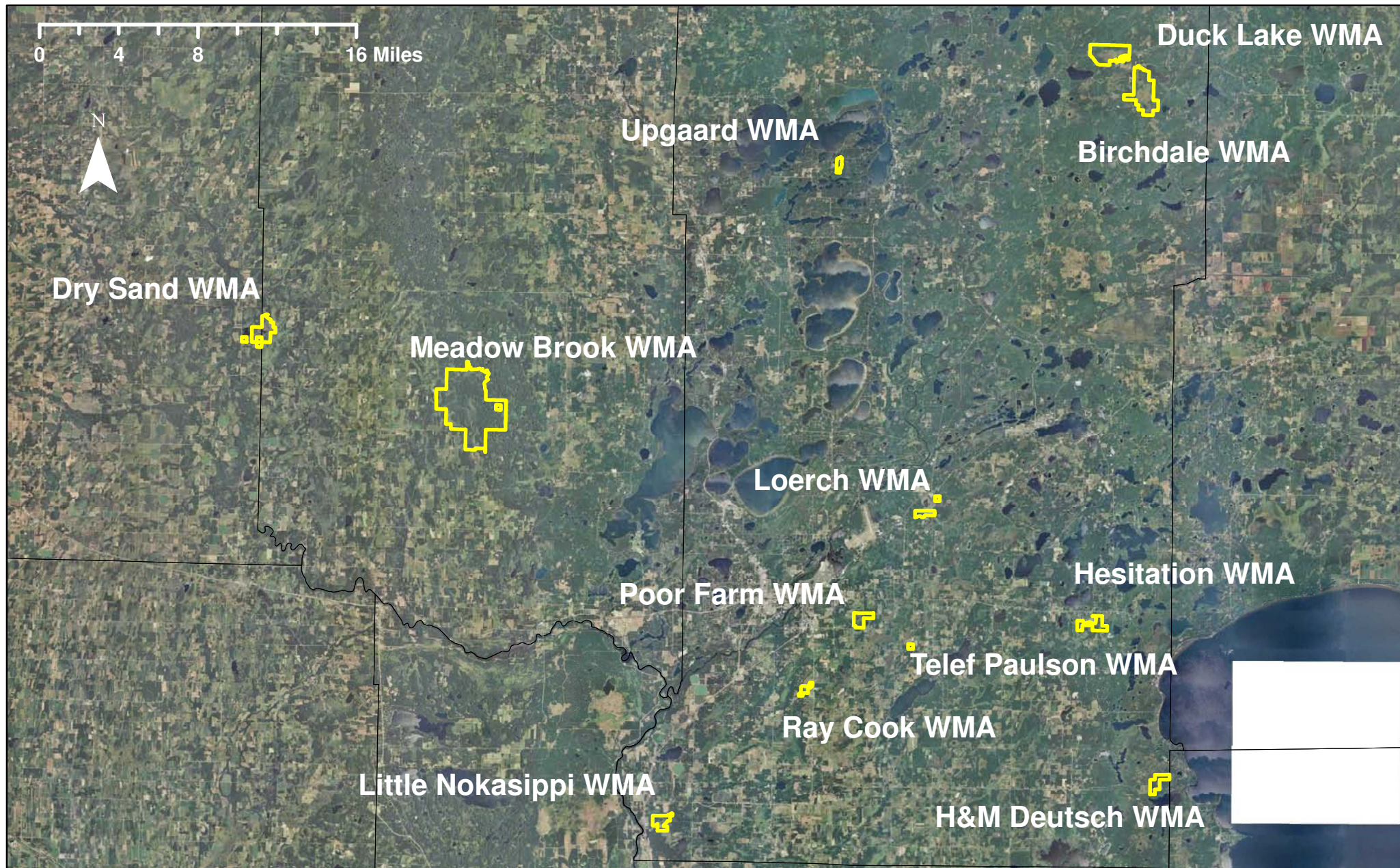
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MATCH: Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
MDHA	Cash contribution from Hides for Habitat funds			\$3,000.00
NWTF	Cash contribution from Super Funds			\$2,000.00
Delta Waterfowl	Lumber to construct wood duck boxes			\$1,000.00
All	Grans adminsitration, project monitoring and evaluation			\$2,000.00

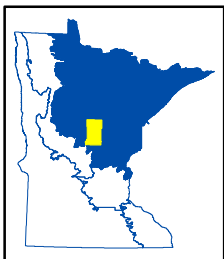
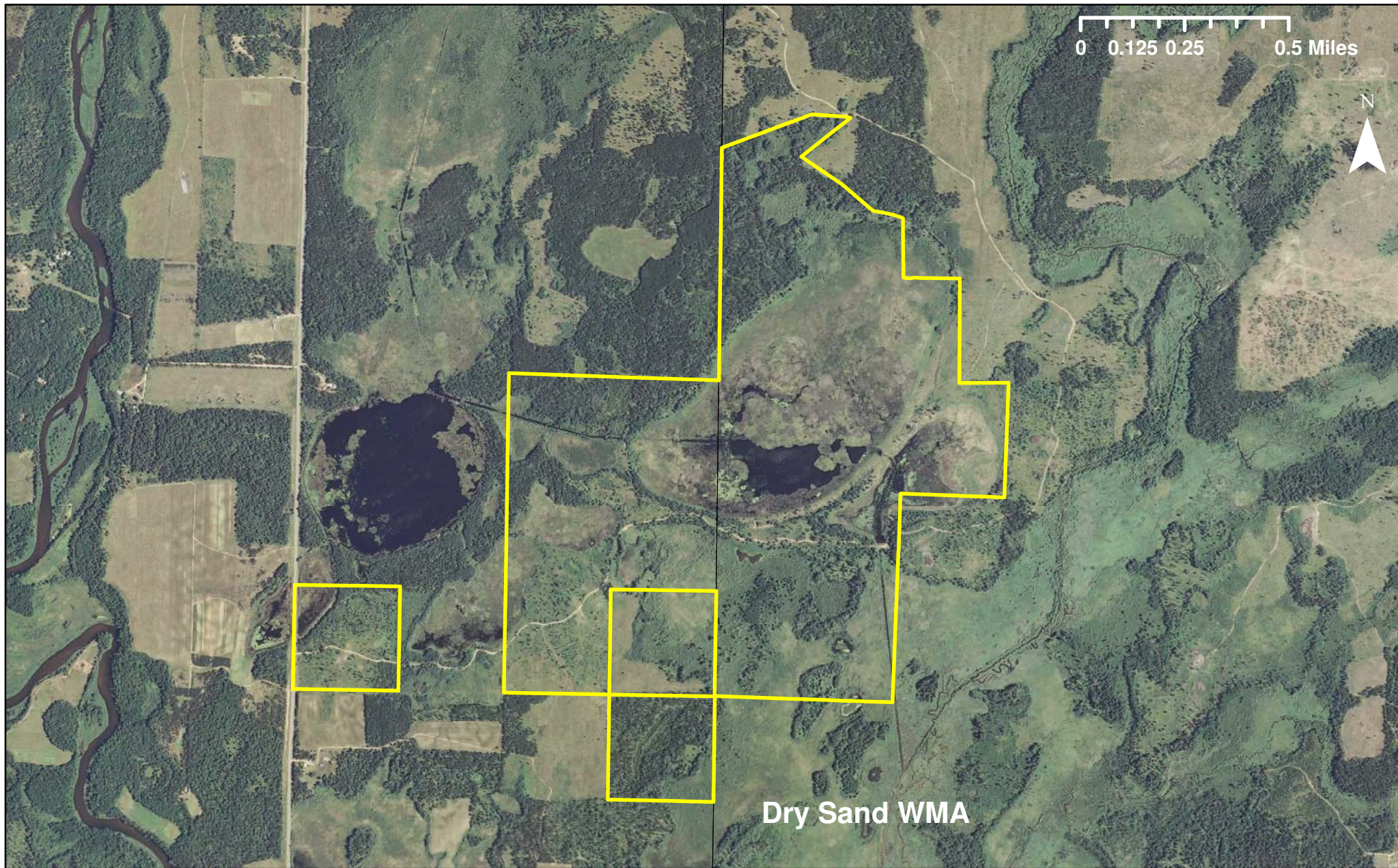
Matching description/ comments: if needed

All funds are from previous fund raising efforts and are part of approved Chapter expenditures for each respective organization.



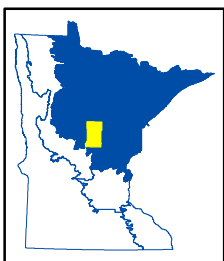
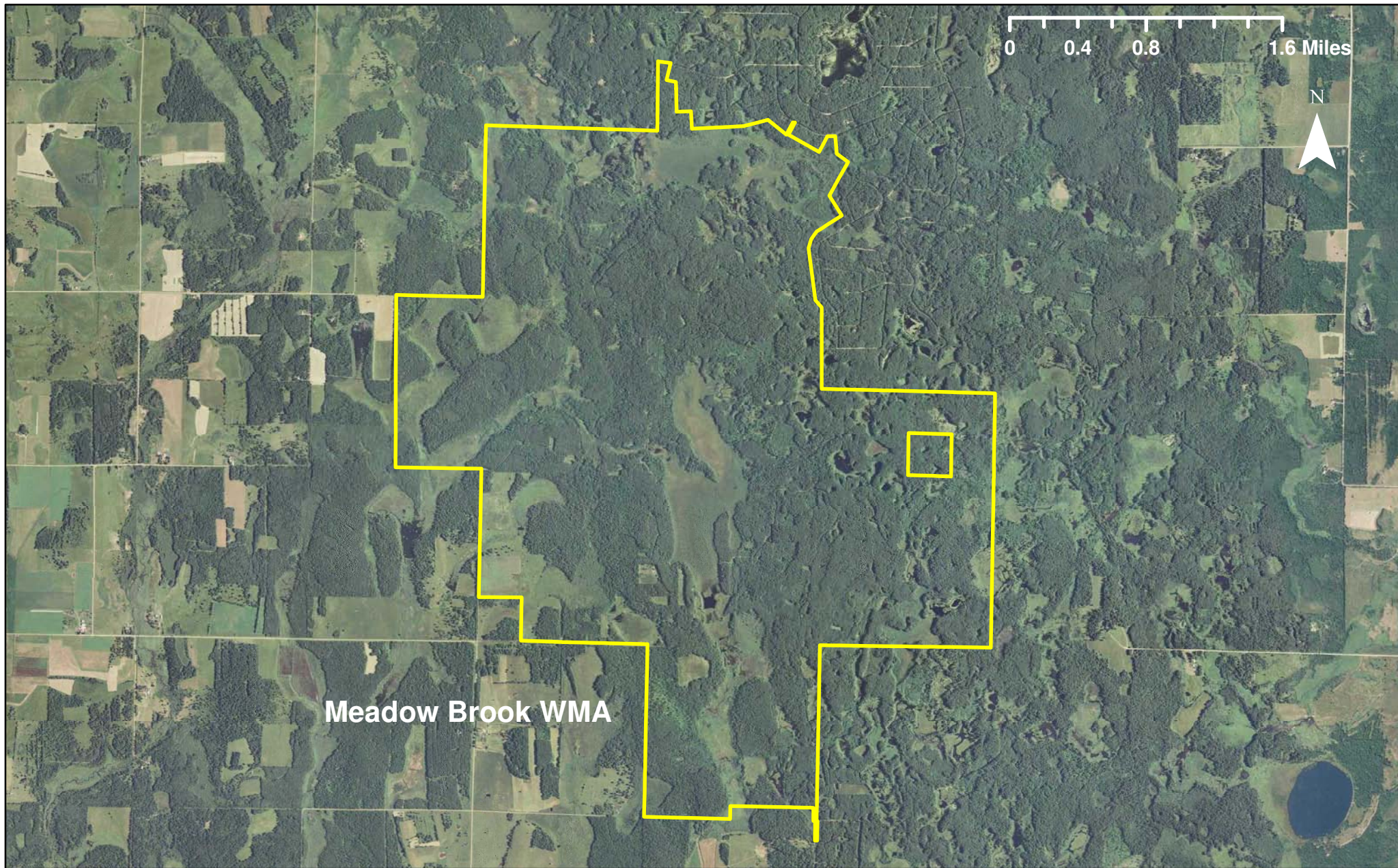
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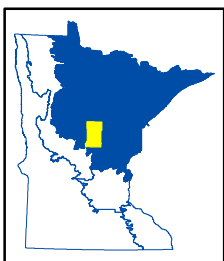
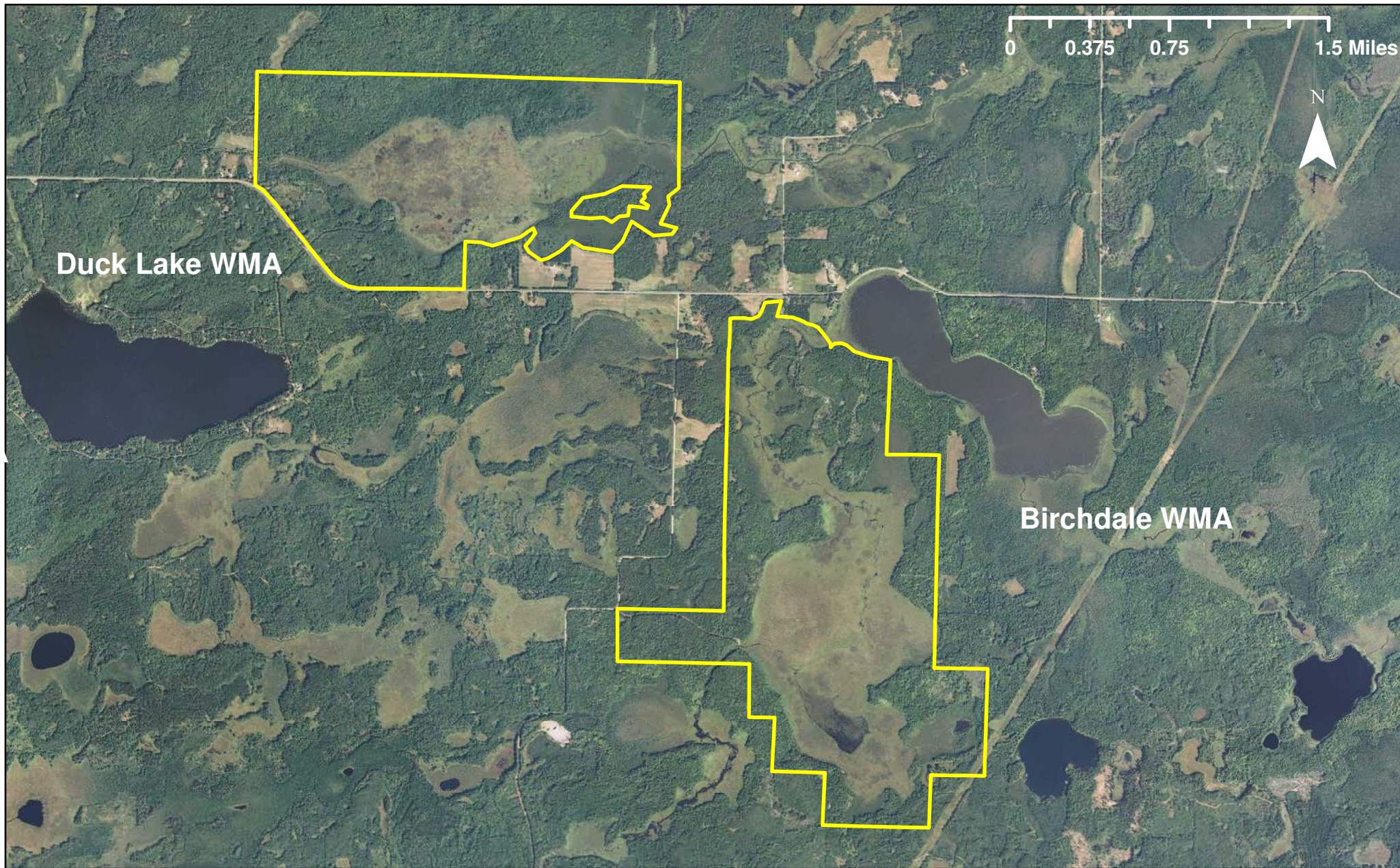
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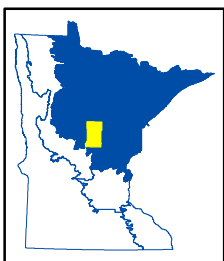
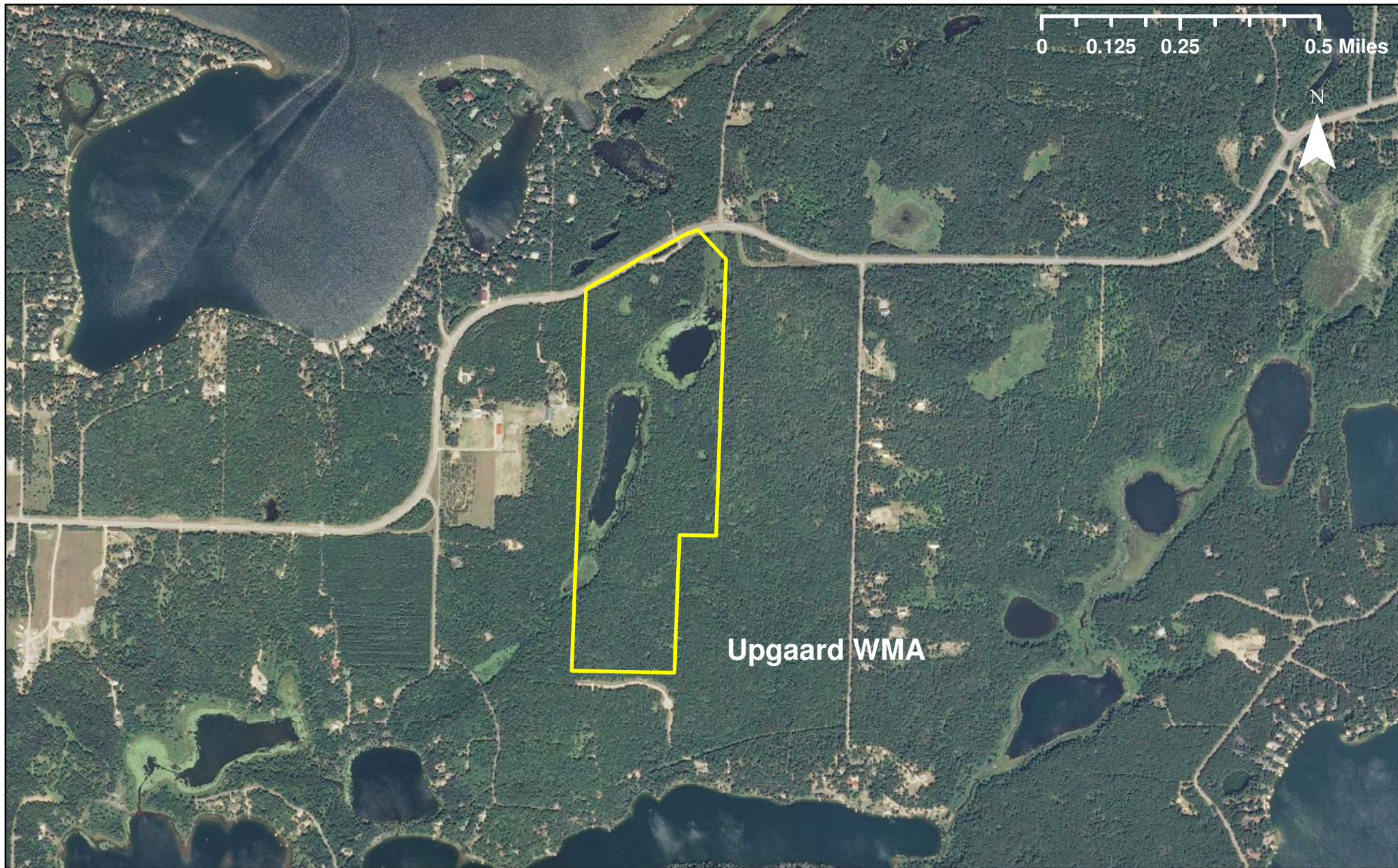
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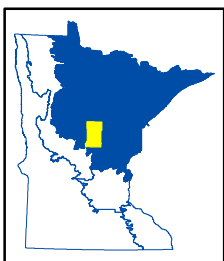
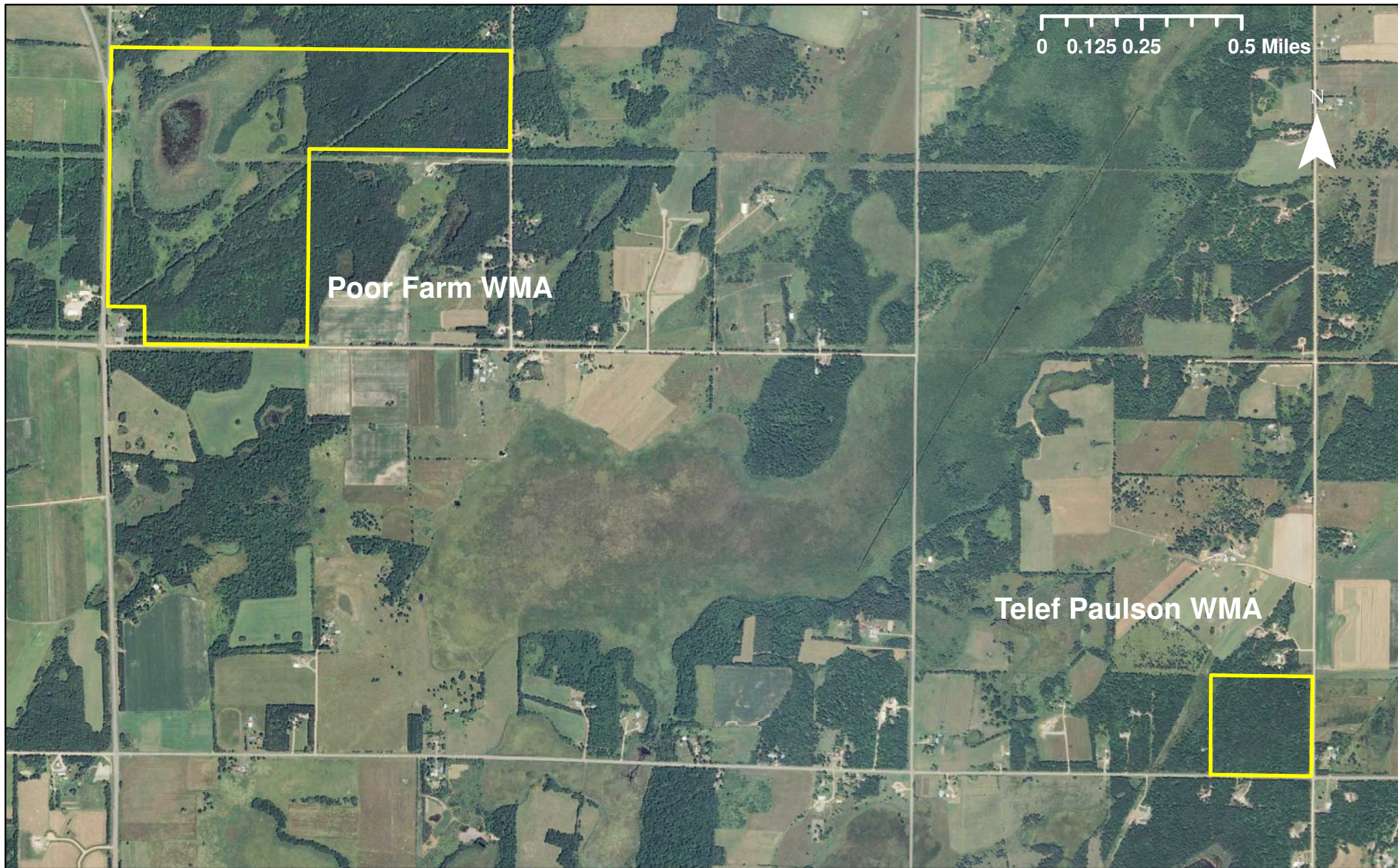
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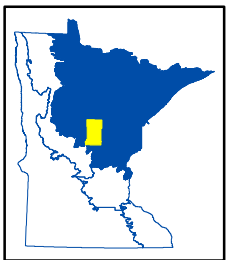
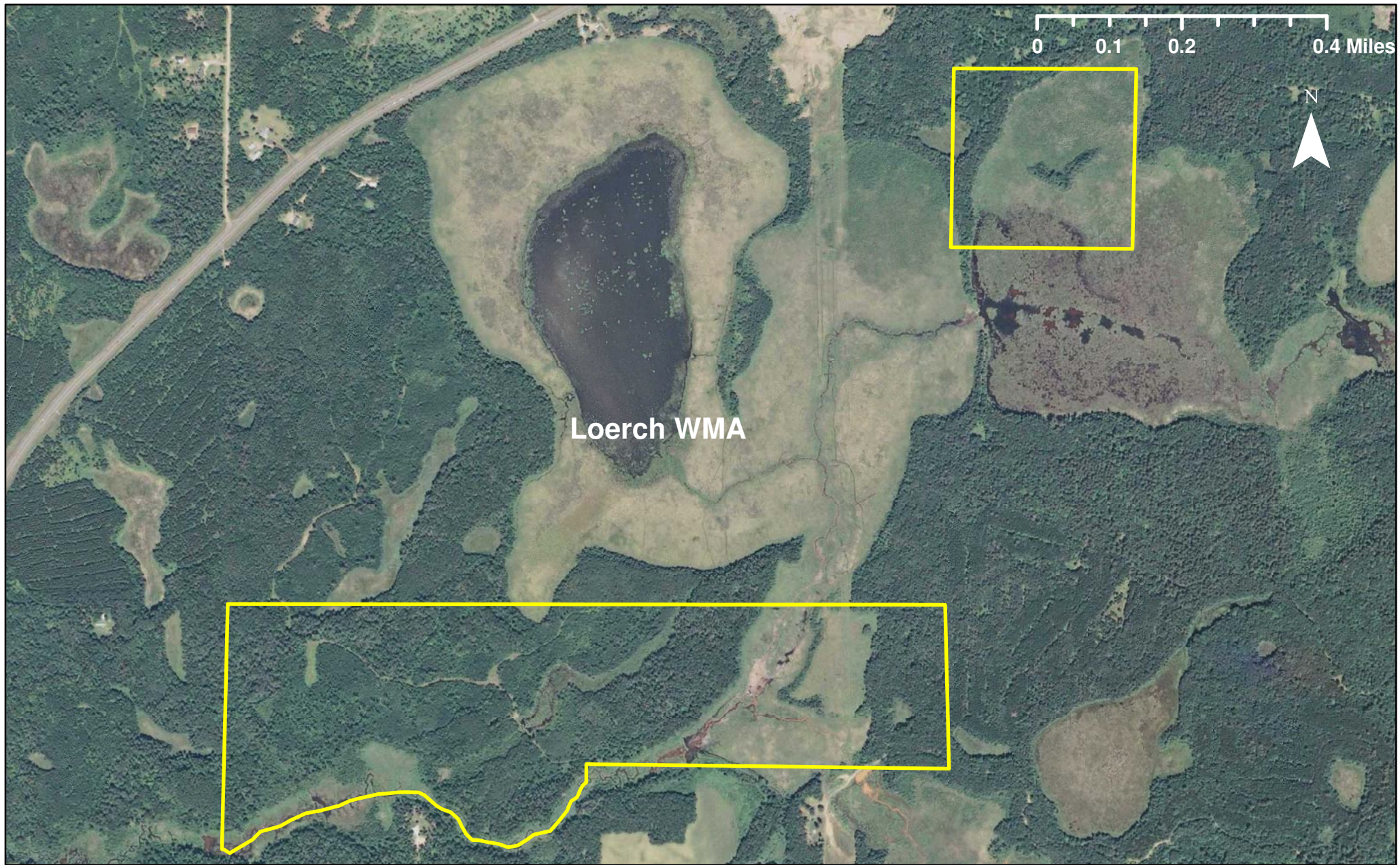
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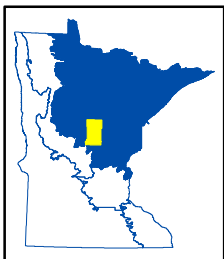
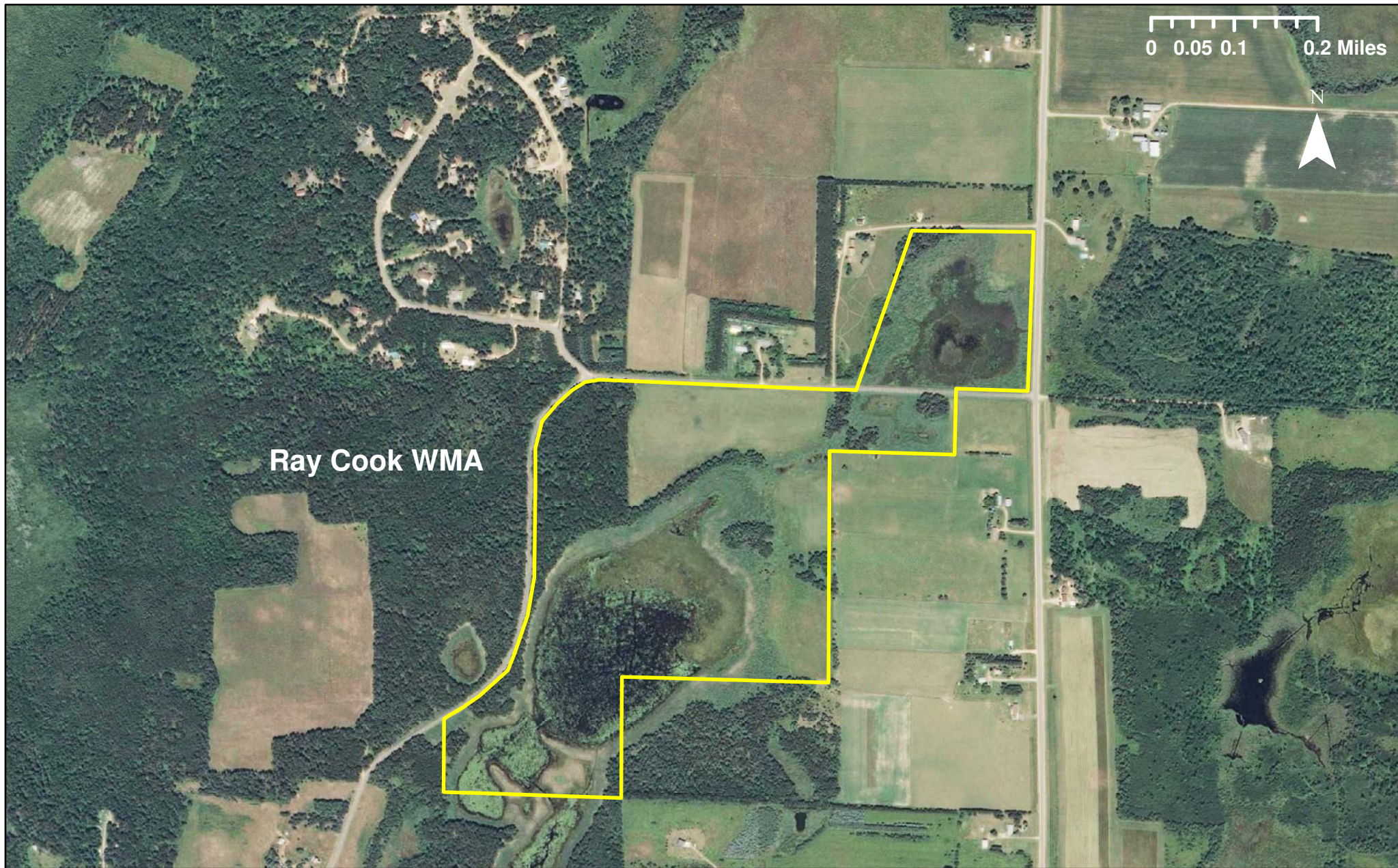
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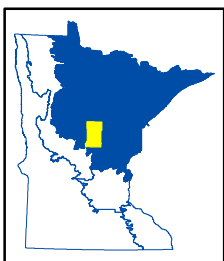
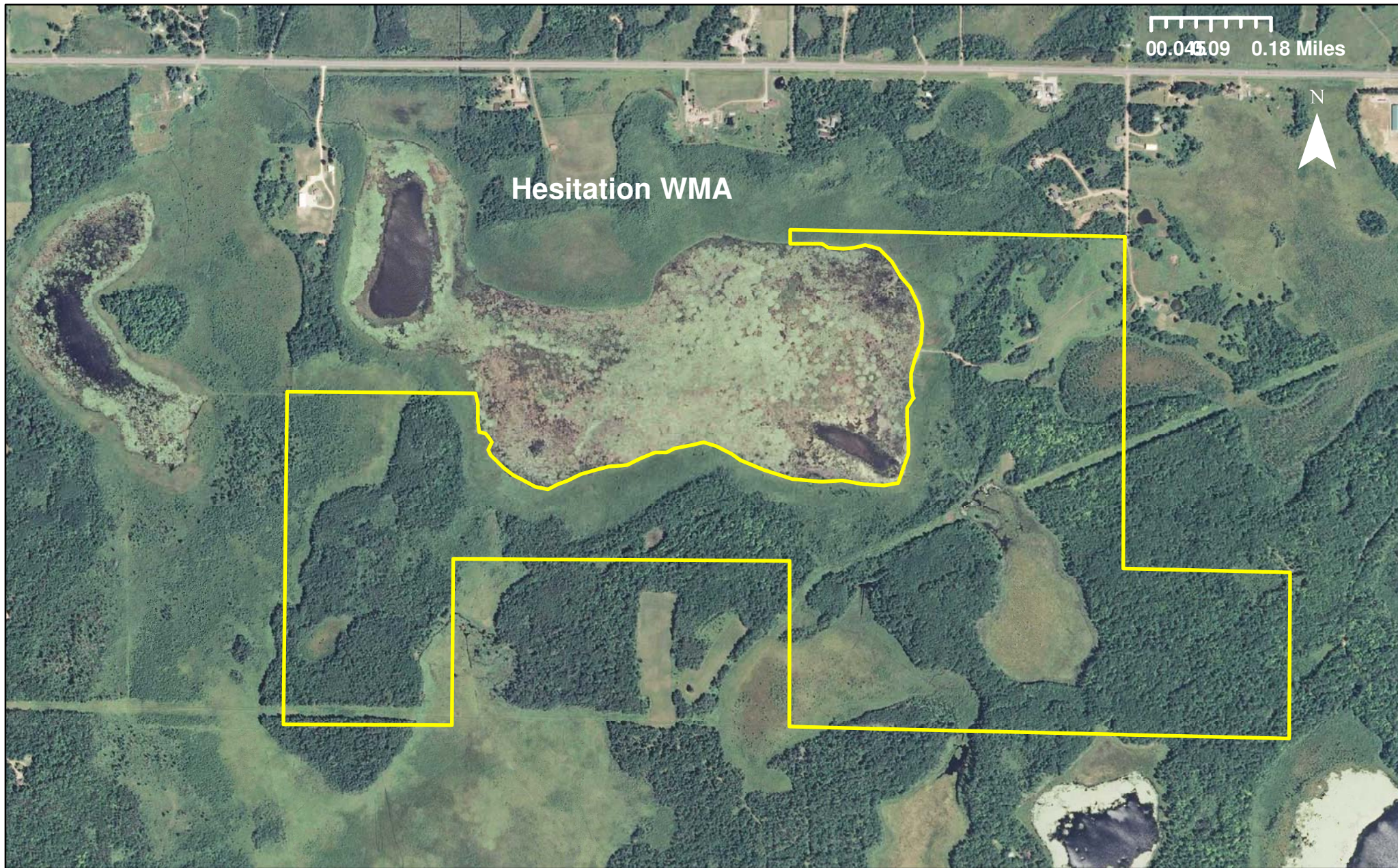
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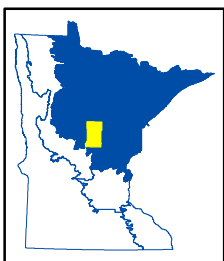
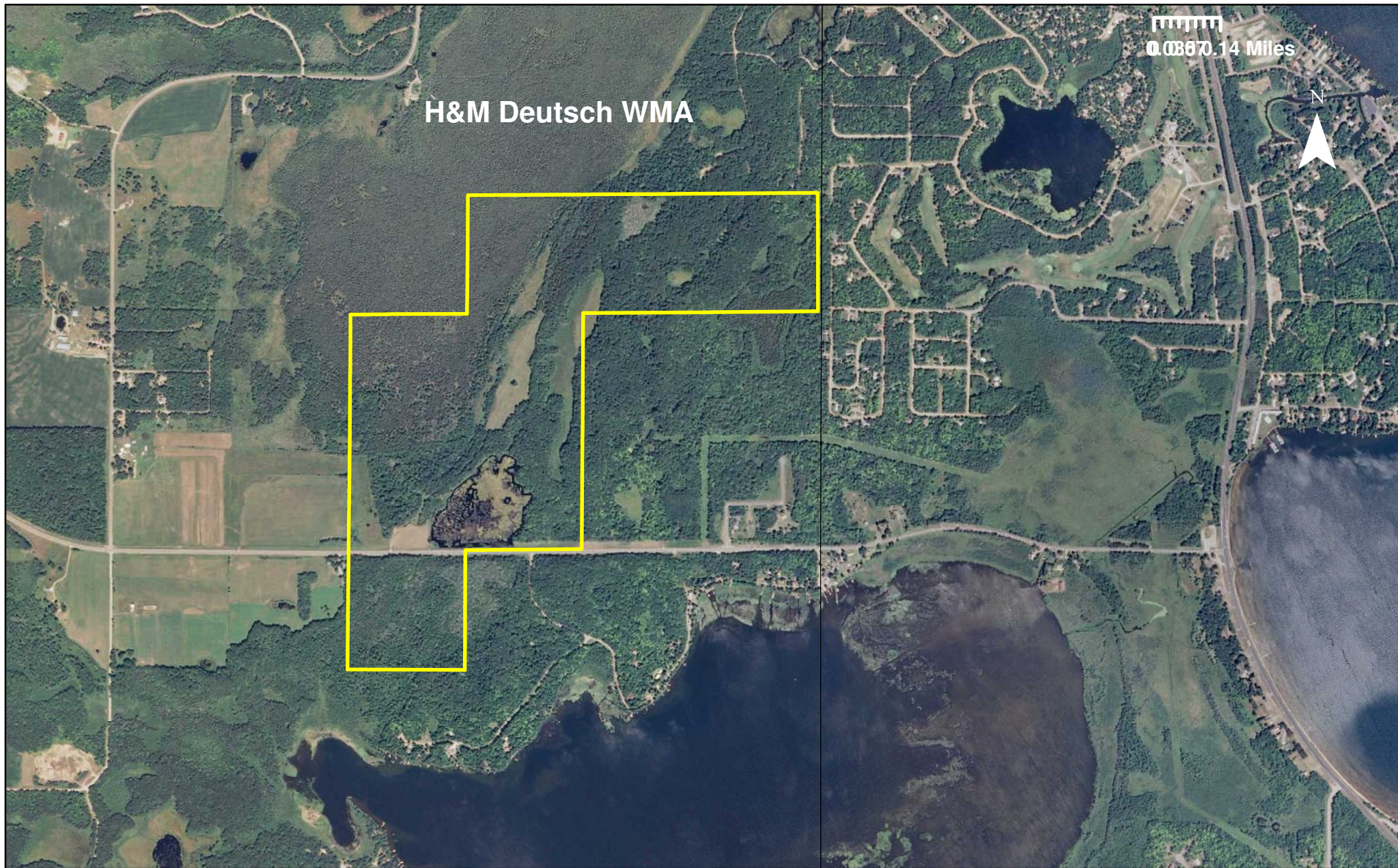
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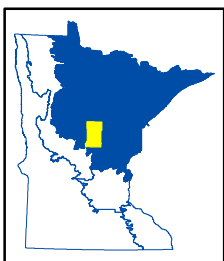
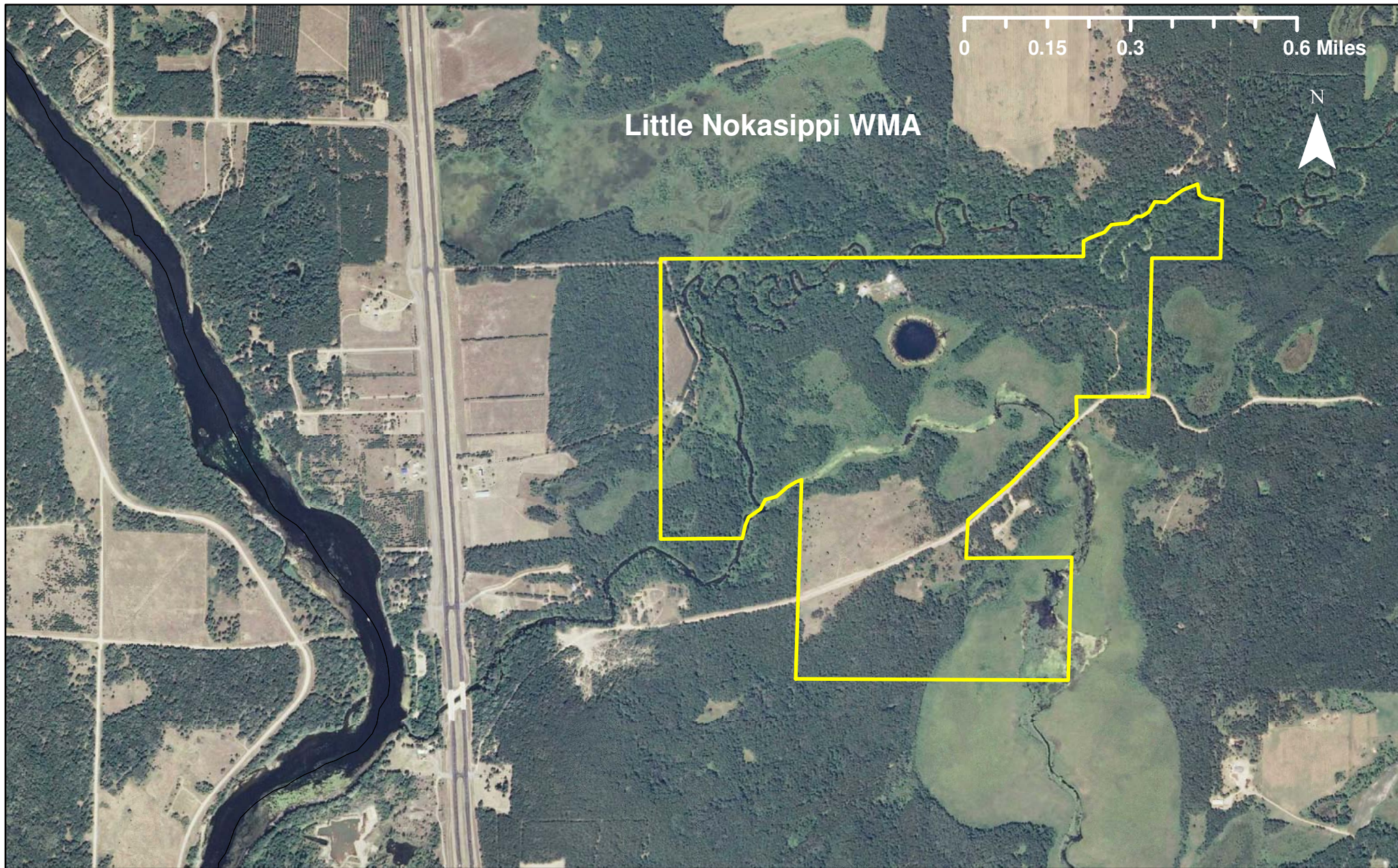


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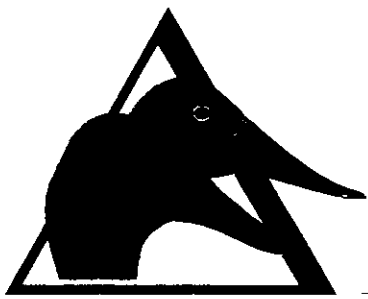
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DELTA WATERFOWL FOUNDATION

The future of waterfowl and waterfowl hunting

October 31, 2009

Delta Waterfowl
Brainerd Lakes Area Chapter

On behalf of the Brainerd Lakes Area Chapter of Delta Waterfowl, please consider this letter our commitment of \$1,000 to the Wild Life Habitat Enhancement Grant in the Brainerd Lakes Area.

We are proud to be apart of this Conservation Partners Legacy Grant and to work with other conservation minded organizations such as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, local Brainerd Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, and the Central Minnesota Gobblers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Association.

These combined efforts are a step in the right direction to ensure the legacy of conservation in Minnesota for future generations.

Respectfully,

J.J. Levenske
Chapter Chairman
Brainerd Lakes Area Chapter of Delta Waterfowl

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Central Minnesota Chapter of the NWTF
P.O. Box 458
Nisswa, MN 56468
218-821-7701

October 29, 2009

On behalf of the Central Minnesota Chapter of the NWTF consider this letter our commitment of \$2,000.00 to the Wild Life Habitat Enhancement Grant in the Brainerd Lakes Area.

Our commitment for this funding will need approval from the Minnesota State Board Super Fund committee, which will meet in mid December. Upon approval funding will be released within 45 days. These funds have been determined through the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant submitted by the cooperative effort of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, MN Deer Hunters Assoc. (Brainerd Chapter), National Wild Turkey Federation (Central MN Gobblers Chapter) and Delta Waterfowl (Brainerd Lakes Chapter).

Should the State Board Funding not meet approval, then the local chapter will have to raise the funds through its annual Hunting Heritage Banquet, held on the First Saturday in March. Proceeds released within 30 days.

Sincerely,

Dan Zimmerman
Chapter President
State Board Member NWTF