

Biological Report Outline for Easements, Leases and Licenses on Lands with USFWS Funding Interest

DNR Lands and Minerals Tracking Number: ECOU101215

Name & Number of State Unit: Mud Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

1. Project location (including legal description):

License Area: A strip of land varying in two segments 27 ft. wide by 803 ft. and 37 ft. wide by 1397 ft., impacting approximately 1.51 acres. All located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼, and the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 29, Township 112, Range 20 in Dakota County, Minnesota. See attached map.

2. Description of project: As it affects the WMA this would grant Dakota County Transportation a permanent easement to widen Hwy 96 which is the northern boundary of the WMA.

3. Wildlife or fish habitat description:

Cover types on project areas	Before Acres	After Acres
Native prairie	1.51	.5

4. Wildlife/fish use and values (before and after) including any impacts to any state or federal Threatened, Endangered, Proposed, Candidate or Special Concern species be impacted? If they may be impacted please describe how. *Due to relatively low value of species composition in the area being effected I do not foresee any impacts that are of concern.*

5. Describe short-term vs. long-term benefits of project: *Project should hopefully make access to WMA safer and help with drainage issues with neighboring landowner.*

6. Describe potential short and long-term adverse effects of project: *I do not see any negative effects.*
7. Describe any impacts to wetlands or floodplains: *NONE*
8. Are there alternate ways of accomplishing this project? Do you feel these alternatives are viable? Explain. *N/A*
9. Compensation or mitigative measures requested: *None that I as Area Wildlife Manager is concerned.*
10. What requirements would you want to see on the easement, lease, or license? (e.g. type of equipment, reseeding, time of year, etc.). It's not necessary to repeat requirements in standard DNR terms and conditions. – Separately communicate these requirements to LAM through regional review process.

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