



**HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND AND WETLAND CONSERVATION DETERMINATION**

Name	Gordon Meester	Request Date:	10/18/2012	County:	Lincoln
Address	2716 200TH AVE Ivanhoe MN 56142				
Agency or Person Requesting Determination:	Landowner	Tract No:	865	FSA Farm No:	5216

**Section I - Highly Erodible Land**

Is a soil survey now available for making a highly erodible land determination?	
Are there highly erodible soil map units on this farm?	

Fields in this section have undergone a determination of whether they are highly erodible land (HEL) or not; fields for which an HEL Determination has not been completed are not listed. In order to be eligible for USDA benefits, a person must be using an approved conservation system on all HEL.

<u>Field(s)</u>	<u>HEL(Y/N)</u>	<u>Sodbust (Y/N)</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Determination Date</u>
<b>Refer to the Previous HEL determination available on file from your FSA office</b>				

The Highly Erodible Land determination was completed in the

**Section II - Wetlands**

Fields in this section have had wetland determinations completed. See the Definition of Wetland Label Codes for additional information regarding allowable activities under the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act and/or when wetland determinations are necessary to determine USDA program eligibility.

<u>Field(s)</u>	<u>Wetland Label</u>	<u>Occurence Year</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Determination Date</u>	<u>Certification Date</u>
12 a	WX		0.1	4/10/2013	5/10/2013
12 b	FW		0.3	4/10/2013	5/10/2013
14	PC/NW		10.3	4/10/2013	5/10/2013
4	PC/NW		31.8	4/10/2013	5/10/2013
6	PC/NW		4.6	4/10/2013	5/10/2013
6 a	FW		0.6	4/10/2013	5/10/2013
7	PC/NW		20	4/10/2013	5/10/2013
7 a	FW		1.1	4/10/2013	5/10/2013

The wetland determination was completed in the Office It was Mail

On: 4/10/2013

Remarks:	
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I certify that the above determinations are correct and were conducted in accordance with policies and procedures contained in the National Food Security Act Manual.

Signature Designated Conservationist	Date
 Levi Gibson	4/10/2013

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 Tract: 865 (Ash Lake 4)  
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## Certified Wetland Determination

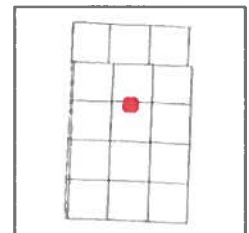
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**HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND CONSERVATION (HEL) AND  
WETLAND CONSERVATION (WC) CERTIFICATION**

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(See Page 2 for Nondiscrimination, Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Statements)

1. Name of Producer <u>Gordon Meester</u>		2. Tax Identification Number (Last 4 digits) <u>0760</u>		3. Crop Year 2013	
4. Do you have any interest in land that produces or could produce an agricultural commodity? If "YES", or if you are a Farm Loan Applicant, continue with Item 5. If "NO", and you are not a farm loan applicant, go to Item 12 and sign and date.				YES	NO
5. For farm loan applicants only: Will you conduct any activities for fish production, trees, vineyards, shrubs, building construction, or other non-agricultural purposes on lands for which a wetland determination has not been completed by NRCS or Army Corps of Engineers?				X	X
6. Are you a landlord or tenant on any farm that will not be in compliance with HELC and WC provisions? If "YES", enter the farm number or contact your County FSA Office before completing this form. Farm Number: <i>(Contact your County FSA Office if you are unsure of the highly erodible land (HEL) or wetland determinations applicable to your farming interests.)</i>					X
7. Do any of your landlords refuse to comply with HELC requirements on any farms? If "YES", enter the farm number or contact your County FSA Office before completing this form. Farm Number:					X
8. List affiliated persons with farming interests. See Page 2 for an explanation. Enter "NONE", if applicable. <u>None</u>					
9. During the crop year entered in Item 3 above, or the term of a requested USDA loan, did you or will you plant and produce an agricultural commodity on land for which an HEL determination has not been made?					X
10. Since December 23, 1985, or during the current crop year, or during the term of a requested USDA loan, has anyone performed, or will anyone perform any activities to:					
A. Create new drainage systems, or conduct land leveling, filing, dredging, land clearing, excavation, or stump removal, that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate year(s):				X	
B. Improve or modify an existing drainage system that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate year(s):					X
C. Maintain an existing drainage system that has NOT been evaluated by NRCS? If "YES", indicate the year(s): <i>Note: Maintenance is the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of the capacity of existing drainage systems to allow for the continued use of wetlands currently in agricultural production and the continued management of other areas as they were used before December 23, 1985. This allows a person to reconstruct or maintain the capacity of the original system or install a replacement system that is more durable or will realize lower maintenance or costs</i>				X	
11. If "YES" to Items 5, 9, 10A, 10B and/or 10C enter the following for the land the answer applies to:					
A. Farm and/or tract/field number: <u>F5216 T86J</u>					
B. Activity: <u>tiling, putting in new culvert, clean out creek</u>					
C. Current land use (specify crops):					
D. County: <u>Lincoln</u>					

A "YES", answer in Items 9 or 10 authorizes FSA to refer this AD-1026 to NRCS. If you check "YES", to Item 10C, NRCS does not have to conduct certified wetland determination. (Contact your County FSA Office if you are unsure about the answers to Items 9 or 10.)

**Continuous AD-1026 Certification:**

I have read the AD-1026 Appendix and understand and agree that my eligibility for certain USDA program benefits is contingent upon this certification of compliance with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 as amended, and if a determination is made that results in a violation and ineligibility, I agree to refund all applicable payments.

- I agree to the terms and conditions stated on AD-1026 Appendix on all land in which I have or will have an interest and understand that I am responsible for any non-compliance with these provisions.
- I agree that I will file a revised AD-1026 if there are any changes in my operation or activities that may affect compliance with these provisions.
- I understand that affiliated persons are also subject to compliance with these provisions and their failure to comply or file AD-1026 will result in loss of eligibility to persons or enterprises with whom they are affiliated. (See Page 2 of this form for affiliated persons.)

**12. Producer's Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I authorize NRCS to make a HELC and/or certified wetland determination on the tract or farm numbers listed above.

12A. Producer's Signature (By) <u>Gordon Meester</u>	12B. Title/Relationship (Individual Signing in the Representative capacity)	12C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) <u>10-18-92</u>
13. Referral to NRCS (Completed by FSA). Sign and date if a NRCS determination is needed for any reason including a "YES" answer in Item 9, 10A, 10B, or 10C.	13A. Signature of FSA Representative <u>Nancy B. Rowles</u>	13B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) <u>10-18-12</u>

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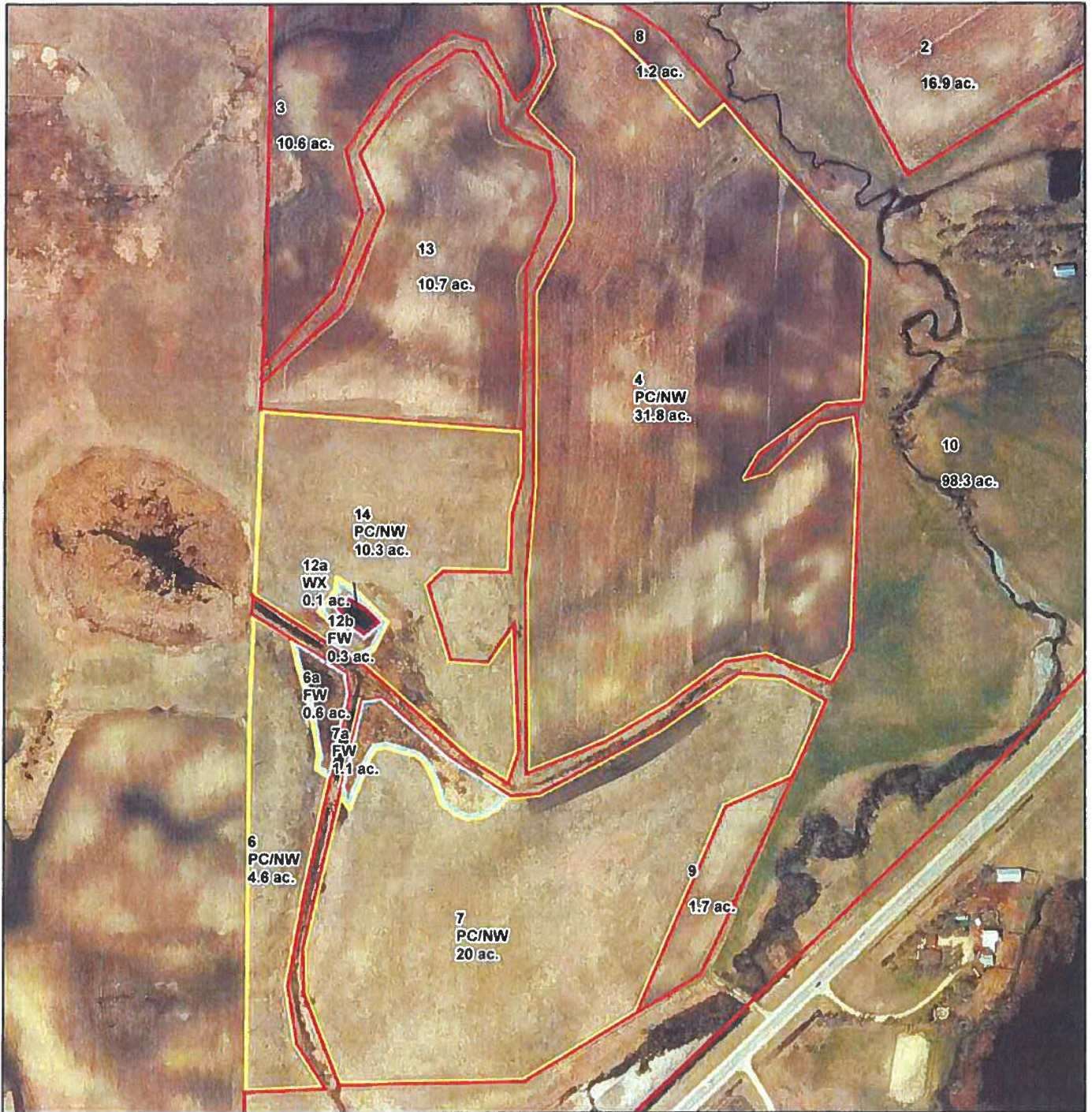
#### \*DEFINITIONS OF WETLAND LABEL CODES

AW	Artificial Wetland. An area that is artificial or irrigation induced wetland. These wetlands are not subject to the wetland conservation provision.
AW/FW	An area that contains both AW and FW.
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CC	Commenced Conversion exemption.
CPD	Corps Permit Decision. Corps of Engineers permit decisions regarding section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be relied upon to satisfy the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended.
CMW	An area that receives a Categorical Minimal Effect determination.
CW	Converted Wetlands. An area converted between December 23, 1985 and November 28, 1990. IN any year that an agricultural commodity is planted on these converted wetlands, you will ineligible for USDA benefits.
**CW+year	An area converted after November 28, 1990. You will be ineligible for USDA program benefits until this wetland is restored.
CWNA	Converted Wetland Non-Agricultural use. A wetland area converted to other than agricultural commodity production.
CWTE	Converted Wetland Technical Error. An area converted or commenced based on an incorrect NRCS determination or misinformation from a NRCS or FSA employee.
<b>FW</b>	<b>Farmed Wetland. An area that is farmed wetland; was manipulated and planted before December 23, 1985, but still meets wetland criteria. These may be farmed and maintained in the same manner as long as they are not abandoned.</b>
FWP	Farmed Wetlands Pasture. An area that is pasture or hayland, manipulated before December 23, 1985 but still meets wetland criteria. These may be farmed and maintained in the same manner as long as they are not abandoned.
MIW	Mitigation Wetlands. Wetlands on which a person is actively mitigating a frequently cropped area or a wetland converted between December 23, 1985 and November 28, 1990. A converted wetland, farmed wetland, or farmed wetland pasture on which functions and values were lost are compensated for through wetland restoration, enhancement or creation.
MW	Minimal effect Wetland. An area determined to be minimal effect. These wetlands are to be farmed according to the minimal-effect agreement signed at the time the minimal-effect determination was made,
MWM	An area determined to be minimal effect with mitigation.
NI	Not Inventoried – No wetland determination has been completed.
NW	Non-Wetland. An area that does not contain a wetland.
NW/NAD	An area determined to be a non-wetland resulting from a decision from the National Appeals Division.
OW	Other Waters of the U.S. Area that fall under the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act.
PC	Prior Converted cropland, which was drained filled, or manipulated before December 23, 1985; was cropped prior to December 23, 1985; was not abandoned; and does not meet FW criteria. These are not subject to the wetland conservation provision unless the area reverts to wetland as a result of abandonment.
PC/NW	An area that contains both PC and NW.
TP	Third Party Exemption.
W	Wetlands. An area meeting wetland criteria, including wetland farmed under natural conditions. If you plan to clear, drain, fill, level or manipulate these areas, contact NRCS and the Army Corp of Engineers prior to any such activity.
<b>WX</b>	<b>A wetland area that has been manipulated after December 23, 1985, but was not, for the purpose of making production possible and production was not made possible. These include wetlands manipulated by drainage maintenance agreements.</b>

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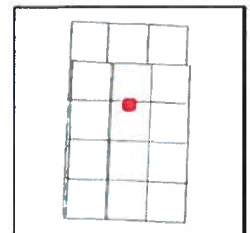
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Gordon Meester  
2716 200<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

RE: Preliminary Wetland Technical Determination

Dear Gordon Meester:

You signed an AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification, indicating a need for evaluation of proposed wetland activity on tract 865, section 4 of Ash Lake township, Lincoln County. As a result of that request, NRCS is issuing a certified wetland determination.

The Food Security Act of 1985 and as amended in subsequent Farm Bill legislation established the wetland conservation provisions. These regulations, found at 7 CFR, Part 12, provide the terms of USDA program ineligibility, describe several exemptions from ineligibility, and outline the Natural Resources Conservation Service involvement in implementing the provisions.

With this letter NRCS is issuing a **preliminary technical determination**, in accordance with the wetland conservation provisions. This preliminary technical determination was conducted by the local NRCS field office on 4/10/2013.

The attached CPA-026 and map depict the wetland labels for the area(s) where the requested wetland determination took place. These wetland labels have been determined for the following reasons:

Presence of Hydrophytic Vegetation:

Under normal circumstances this site(s) does support a prevalence of plants that grow in water or in a substrate that is at least periodically deficient in oxygen during the growing season as a result of excessive water content.

Presence of Hydric Soils:

The soil(s) on the site are Parnell silty clay loam, depressional (J1A) and Vallery clay loam (J11A). These soils are listed on the Lincoln County hydric soils list. In an un-drained condition, these soils are saturated, flooded, or ponded long enough during a growing season to develop an anaerobic condition that supports the growth and regeneration of hydrophytic vegetation.

Presence of Wetland Hydrology:

The areas are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (7 CFR 12.2). Review of aerial imagery indicates that the area(s) exhibit wet signatures during many normal precipitation years. Wetland signatures are visible in 78 to 100 percent of normal precipitation years.

Further, the areas indicated are Manipulated Wetland (WX) and Farmed Wetland (FW) because they do not qualify for any of the following exemptions to the wetland conservation provisions:

- Prior-converted cropland (7 CFR 12.5(b)(1)(i-ii) – This area was not converted prior to December 23, 1985 or November 28, 1990, nor was an agricultural commodity produced prior to those dates OR the area meets Farmed Wetland (FW) criteria.
- A wetland created through a voluntary restoration. (7 CFR 12.5(b)(1)(iii)
- Conversion not for the purposes of making possible the production of an agricultural commodity. (7 CFR 12.5(b)(1)(iv)
- A conversion completed by the actions of a third party. (7 CFR 12.5(b)(1)(v)
- A conversion completed under a permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (7 CFR 12.5(b)(1)(vi)
- An Artificial wetland. (AW) (7 CFR 12.5(b)(1)(vii)

This **preliminary wetland determination** meets the regulatory definition for an adverse decision (7 CFR 11.1) and is appealable as follows:

- You may request that the designated conservationist reconsider this determination by filing a written request no later than 30 calendar days after you receive this notice in accordance with the NRCS's appeal procedures found at 7 CFR Part 614. If you request reconsideration, you have the right to a field visit, office visit, or other designated location meeting site for an informal review with the decisionmaker. During the review you or your representative may provide additional information and discuss the facts relating to the preliminary technical determination. If you choose to seek reconsideration, you may appeal the determination to the FSA county committee (COC) or the National Appeals Division (NAD). To request reconsideration, write to the designated conservationist at the following address, include which sites you are requesting a reconsideration on, **and explain why you believe this determination is erroneous.**

Levi Gibson  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
800 E Main, Ste 400  
Marshall, MN 56258-2501

- Mediation is available as part of NRCS's informal appeal process. Mediation may enable NRCS to narrow the issues and resolve the matter by mutual agreement.

You may have to pay all or part of the cost of mediation. If you request mediation, the running of the timeframe in which you may file an appeal stops. When mediation closes, the clock restarts and you will have the balance of the days remaining in that period to file an appeal. To request mediation, you must submit your written request no later than 30 calendar days after you receive this notice. To request mediation, write to the Minnesota State mediation program at the following address and provide a copy of your request for mediation to NRCS.

Mary Nell Preisler  
Farmer Lender Mediation Program  
1526 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Bejou, MN 56516  
Phone: 218-935-5785

- You may request a waiver of your rights to this preliminary review and reconsideration or mediation in accordance with 7 CFR 614.7(d) if you want an immediately-final wetland technical determination by writing to the State Conservationist at:

Donald Baloun  
State Conservationist  
USDA NRCS  
375 Jackson Street, Suite 600  
St. Paul, MN 55101-1854

**If you do not select any of your preliminary appeal rights, this preliminary technical determination will become both a final technical determination in accordance with 7 CFR 614.8(a)(1) and a certified wetland determination in accordance with 7 CFR 12.30(c).** A technical determination becomes a final USDA decision when the time to request appeal expires without appealing the decision. A final technical determination becomes appealable 30 days after receipt of the preliminary technical decision.

**The final appeal rights are as follows:**

- You may appeal this decision to the FSA county committee (COC) by filing a written request no later than 60 calendar days after you receive this notice in accordance with the FSA appeal procedures found at 7 CFR Part 780. If you appeal to the COC, you have the right to an informal hearing which you or your representative may attend either personally or by telephone. To appeal, write to the COC at the following address and explain why you believe this decision is erroneous.

Lincoln County Farm Service Agency  
330 E. George St  
Ivanhoe, MN 56142-9707

<sup>1/</sup> Informal appeals to the County FSA Committee are completed in accordance with 7 CFR 614.10 and 7 CFR 780.11 which requires the County

FSA Committee, on a finding of merit in the appeal request, to request a review of the determination under appeal by the NRCS State Conservationist. It further is a requirement that when rendering a decision on the appeal, the review issued by the State Conservationist must form the basis of, and be incorporated into any decision issued on appeal by the County or State FSA Committee.


- You may appeal this decision to NAD by filing a written request no later than 60 calendar days after you receive this notice in accordance with the NAD appeal procedures found at 7 CFR Part 11. If you appeal to NAD, you have the right to a hearing that you or your representative may attend. Once a hearing with NAD begins, you waive any rights to reconsideration, an appeal to FSA, and mediation. To appeal, you must write to NAD at the following address, explain why you believe this determination is erroneous, and provide a copy to FSA. You must personally sign your written appeal to NAD and include a copy of this letter.

NAD Eastern Regional Office  
P.O. Box 68806  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268

If you are the owner of this tract and have a tenant, I urge you to discuss this letter and accompanying NRCS-CPA-026 with your tenant. Likewise, if you are the tenant of this tract, I urge you to discuss this letter with your landlord.

This certified wetland determination/delineation has been conducted for the purpose of implementing the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. This determination/delineation may not be valid for identifying the extent of the Corps of Engineers' (COE's) Clean Water Act jurisdiction for this site. If you intend to conduct any activity that constitutes a discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands or other waters, you should request a jurisdictional determination from the local office of the COE prior to starting the work. Other federal, state or local permits or restrictions may apply to activities impacting wetlands. Contact the Local Governmental Unit (LGU) for State Wetland Conservation Act permits, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for protected water permits prior to initiating wetland activities. The producer can contact these agencies using the "Minnesota Joint Project Notification Form" available from the LGU.

Sincerely,

  
Levi Gibson,  
Wetland Biologist  
USDA-NRCS

cc: FSA County Executive Director, Farm Services Agency

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13. Referral to NRCS (Completed by FSA). Sign and date if a NRCS determination is needed for any reason including a "YES" answer in Item 9, 10A, 10B, or 10C.	13A. Signature of FSA Representative <u>Nancy B. Pawloski</u>	13B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY) <u>10-18-12</u>

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITEM 8 OF AD-1026

The producer requesting benefits on AD-1026 shall attach a list of the applicable affiliated persons with farming interests who are required to file AD-1026. Follow the rules in this table to determine affiliated persons.

<i>IF producer, requesting benefits is a (an) . . .</i>	<i>THEN affiliated persons who must file AD-1026 if they have farming interests are . . .</i>
individual	spouse or minor children with separate farming interests, or who receives benefits under their individual ID number.
<b>NOTE: If the individual filing is a minor child, the father and mother shall be listed as affiliates</b>	estates, trusts, partnerships, and joint ventures in which the individual filing, or the individual's spouse or minor children have an interest.
	corporations in which the individual filing or the individual's spouse or minor children have more than 20% interest.
general partnership	first level members of the entity.
limited partnership	
limited liability company	
joint venture	
estate	
irrevocable or revocable trust	
Indian tribal venture or group	
corporation with stockholders	First level shareholders with more than 20% interest in the corporation.
State	none
Church or other charitable organization	
county	
city	
public schools	
corporation with no stockholders	

**IMPORTANT:** If you are unsure about the applicability of HELC and WC provisions to your land, contact your local NRCS office or FSA office for details concerning the location of any wetland and any restrictions applying to your land according to NRCS determinations before planting an agricultural commodity or performing any drainage or manipulation.

**NOTE:** The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 12, the Food Security Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198), and the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). The information will be used to determine eligibility to receive USDA loans or other program benefits that are subject to highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated) and USDA/FSA-14, Applicant/Borrower. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to receive USDA loans or other program benefits that are subject to highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions.

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Farm Number: 5216

5216

Tract Number: 865

865

T111 R45 S4

Ash Lake

Apr 28, 2012

2012 FSA Acreage Map

Scale: 1:9,128



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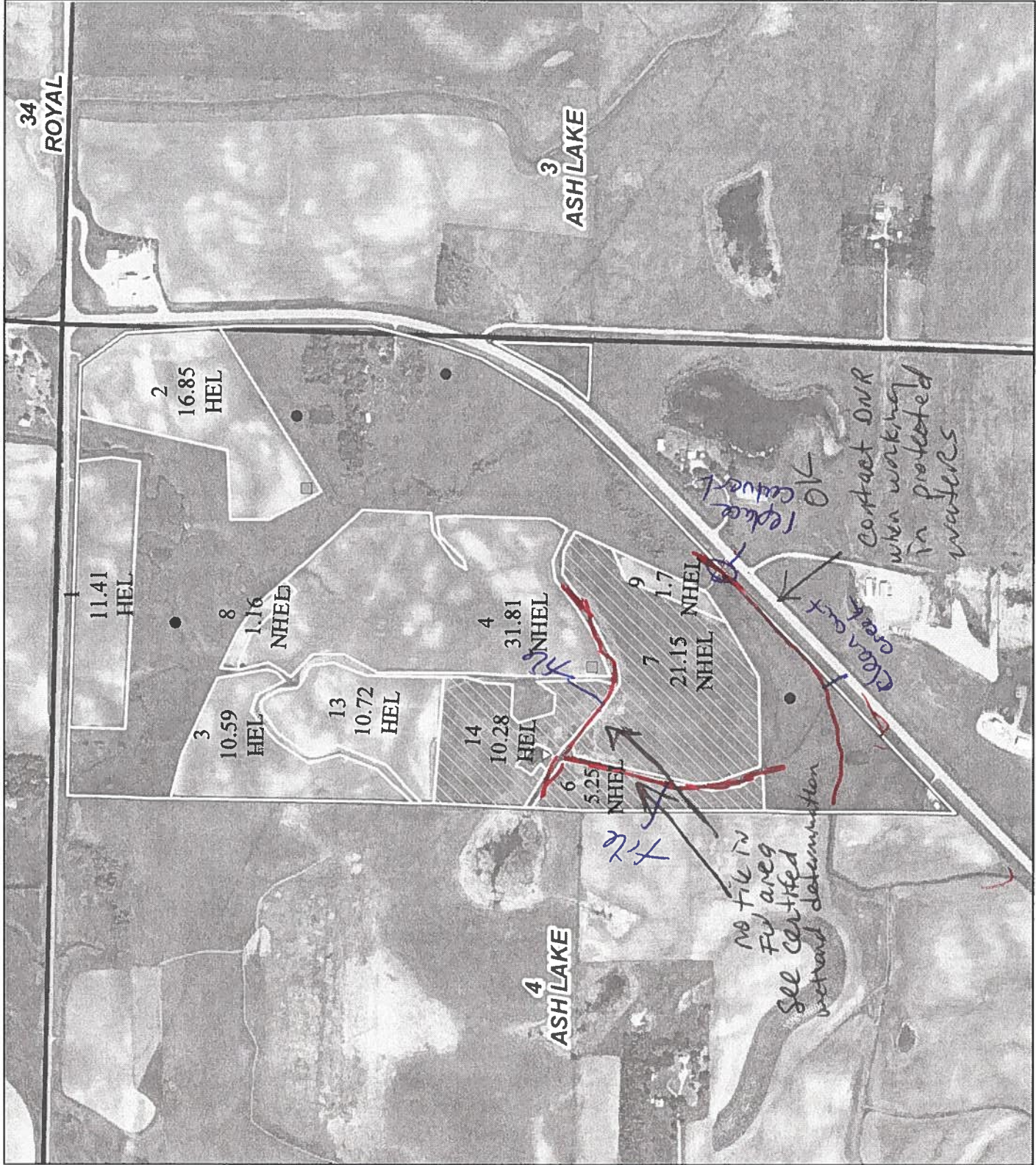
- Tract Boundary
- Section Lines
- CRP Contracts
- Restricted Use
- ▽ Limited Restrictions Exempt from Conservation Compliance Provisions

Waterbodies do not represent the acre, shape or riparian determination of the area. Refer to your original determination (CPA 1026 and attached maps) for exact wetland boundaries and determinations, or contact NRCS.

Acre Summary

Total Acres	221.36
Total CRP	36.69
Cropland	120.93

Acre Summary reflects common land use and acreage information. All information compared in this summary is for FSA business purposes only.

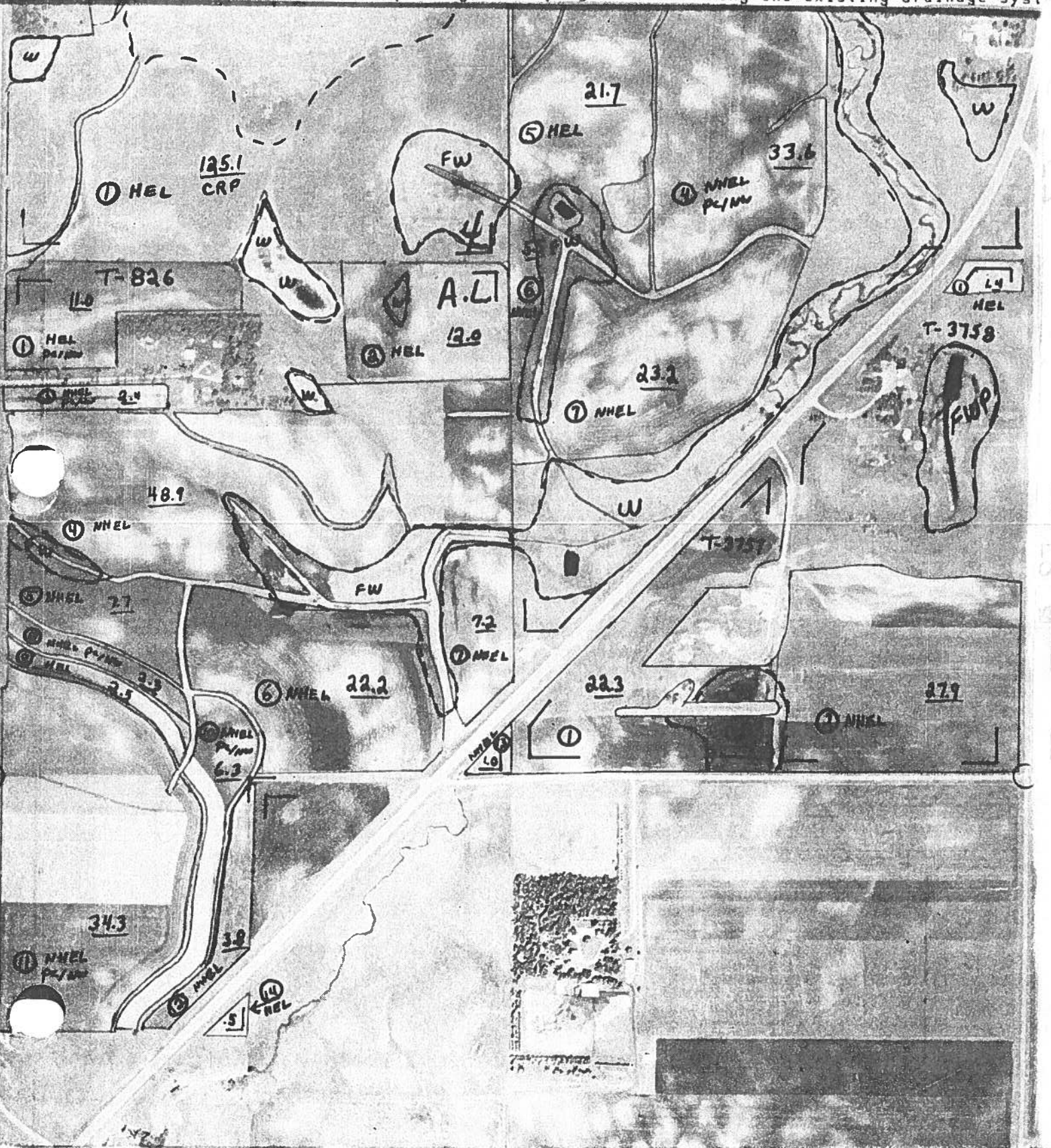


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United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
328 East George St

Phone: 507 694-1630

Ivanhoe, MN 56142

Date 4-18-13

Dear Mr. Meester

You have indicated your intention to create a new or modify an existing drainage system that has not been previously evaluated by NRCS by checking yes on USDA form AD-1026 to either question 10a or question 10b.

Based on the existing certified wetland determination we have on file and on your intended actions that are documented on maps, plans or drainage worksheets you submitted, I have concluded that the activity being proposed will convert a wetland and could cause a potential wetland compliance violation.

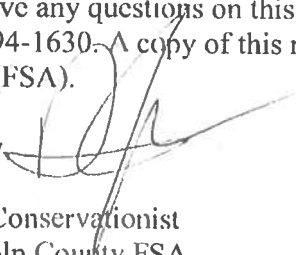
I have attached a map of the existing certified wetland determination. The area(s) where potential wetland conversion could occur have been highlighted on the map. It may be possible to avoid a potential conversion by limiting the extent of the proposed drainage or using non-perforated tile in or near the identified wetland areas. An estimated setback distance where this situation exists has been indicated on the map and on the enclosed Lateral Effect Worksheet. A wetland delineation can be requested for NRCS to provide in-the-field staking of setback limits for certified wetland determinations.

It is your responsibility to document and retain records of all drainage activities. This information can be documented on the Drainage Worksheet available at your USDA Service Center. It is your responsibility to restrict all drainage activity to only that allowable under the wetland compliance provisions.

This information applies to the 1985 Food Security Act (FSA) as amended. Other federal, state or local permits or restrictions may apply to activities impacting wetlands. It is the responsibility of the participant to obtain other necessary permits. Contact the Army Corps of Engineers for Clean Water Act permits, the Local Government Unit (LGU) for State Wetland Conservation Act permits, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for protected water permits prior to initiating wetland activities. You can contact these agencies using the "Minnesota Combined Project Application Form" available from the LGU.

If you have any questions on this information or require additional assistance please contact me at 507-694-1630. A copy of this response will be provided to the Lincoln County Farm Services Agency (FSA).

Sincerely,

  
District Conservationist  
cc: Lincoln County FSA

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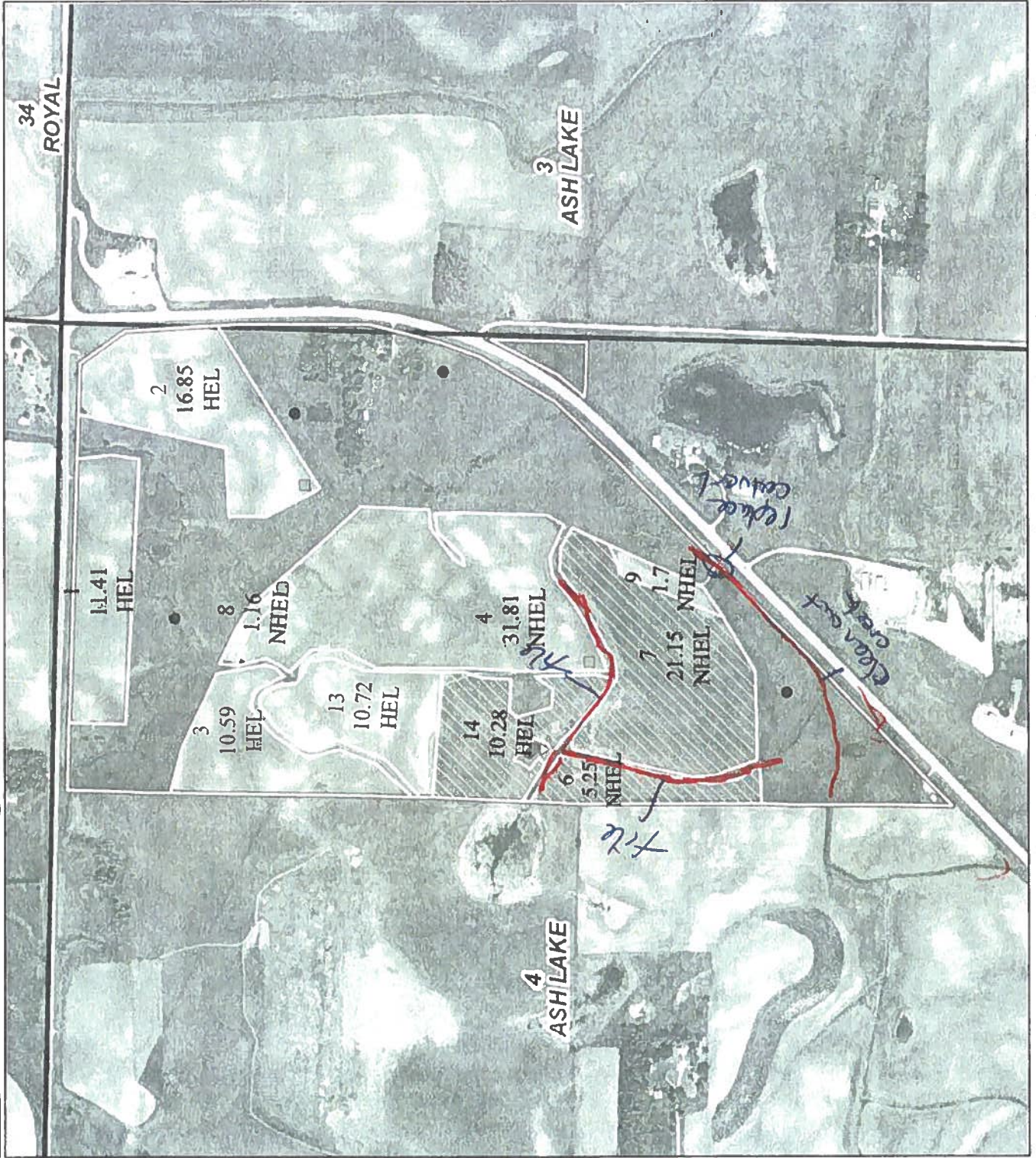
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**Acre Summary**

Category	Acres
Total CRP	36.69
Cropland	120.93

Map Number: 1111 R45 S4  
 Date: 4/28/12  
 Scale: 1:9,128  
 Date: 4/28/12



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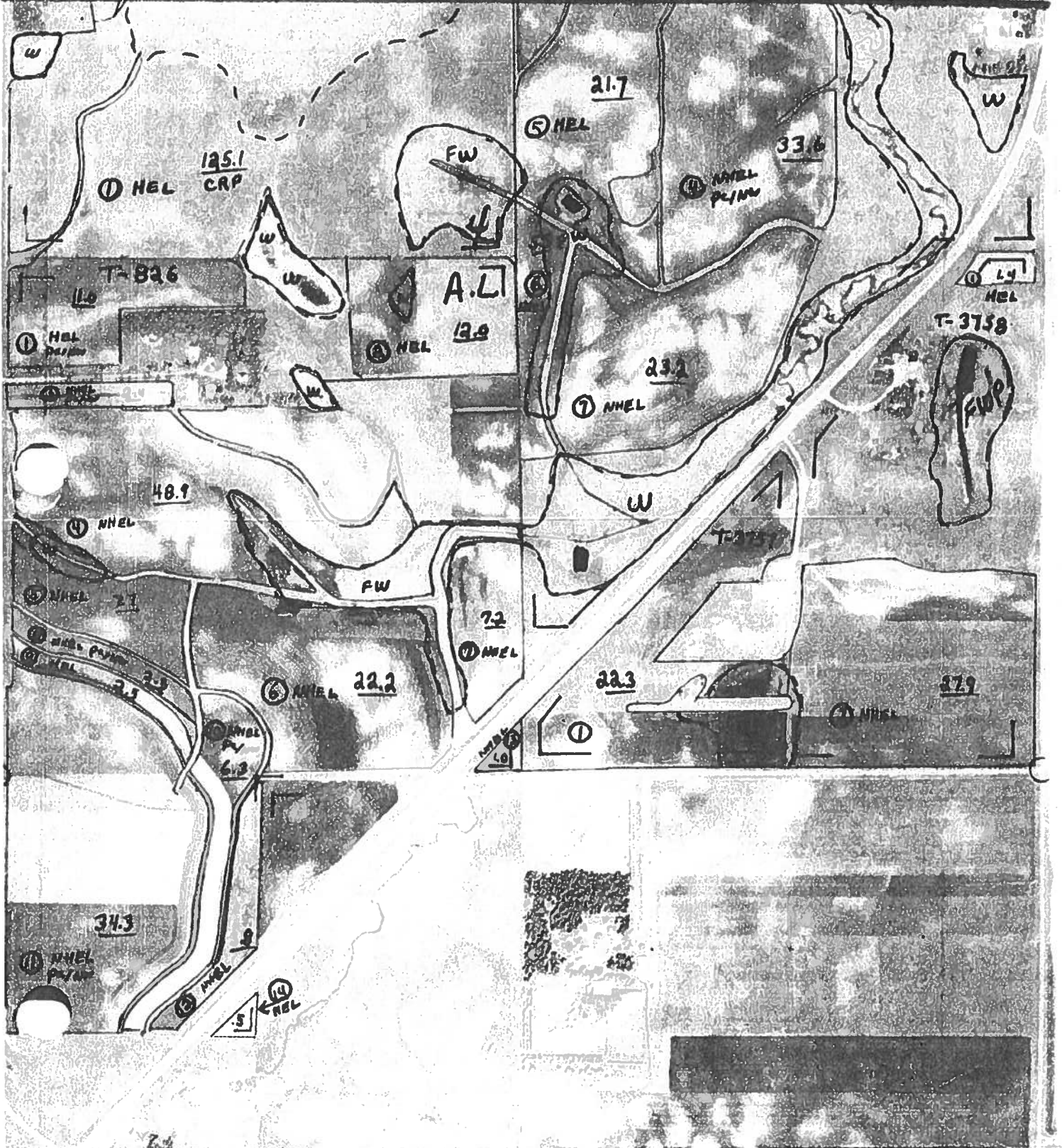
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# CPA Wetland Documentation Record

## Remotely Sensed Data Summary

Customer: Gordon Meester  
 Tract: 865 (Ash Lake 4)  
 Date: 4/10/2013

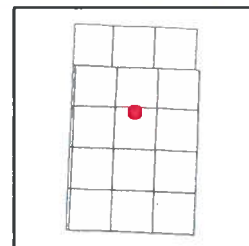
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 Field Office: Ivanhoe  
 District: Lincoln SWCD



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**NRCS-CPA-32 Wetland Documentation Record, Remotely Sensed Data Summary**

U.S Department of Agriculture <b>NRCS CPA-32</b> Natural Resources Conservation Services (Updated 09/2011)  <b>Wetland Documentation Record                  Remotely Sensed Data Summary</b>  <b>Station: Tyler (21-8429)</b>	Producer's Name:	Gordon Meester					
	County/MN:	Lincoln					
	Slide Reviewer:	BH	Date:	4/10/13			
	Tract#	865	Farm#				
	Section/Township:	Ash Lake 4					

**Interpretation List: Cropped (C); Color Tone (CT); Standing Water (SW); Wet Non-Cropped (WNC); Dry Non-Cropped (DNC)**

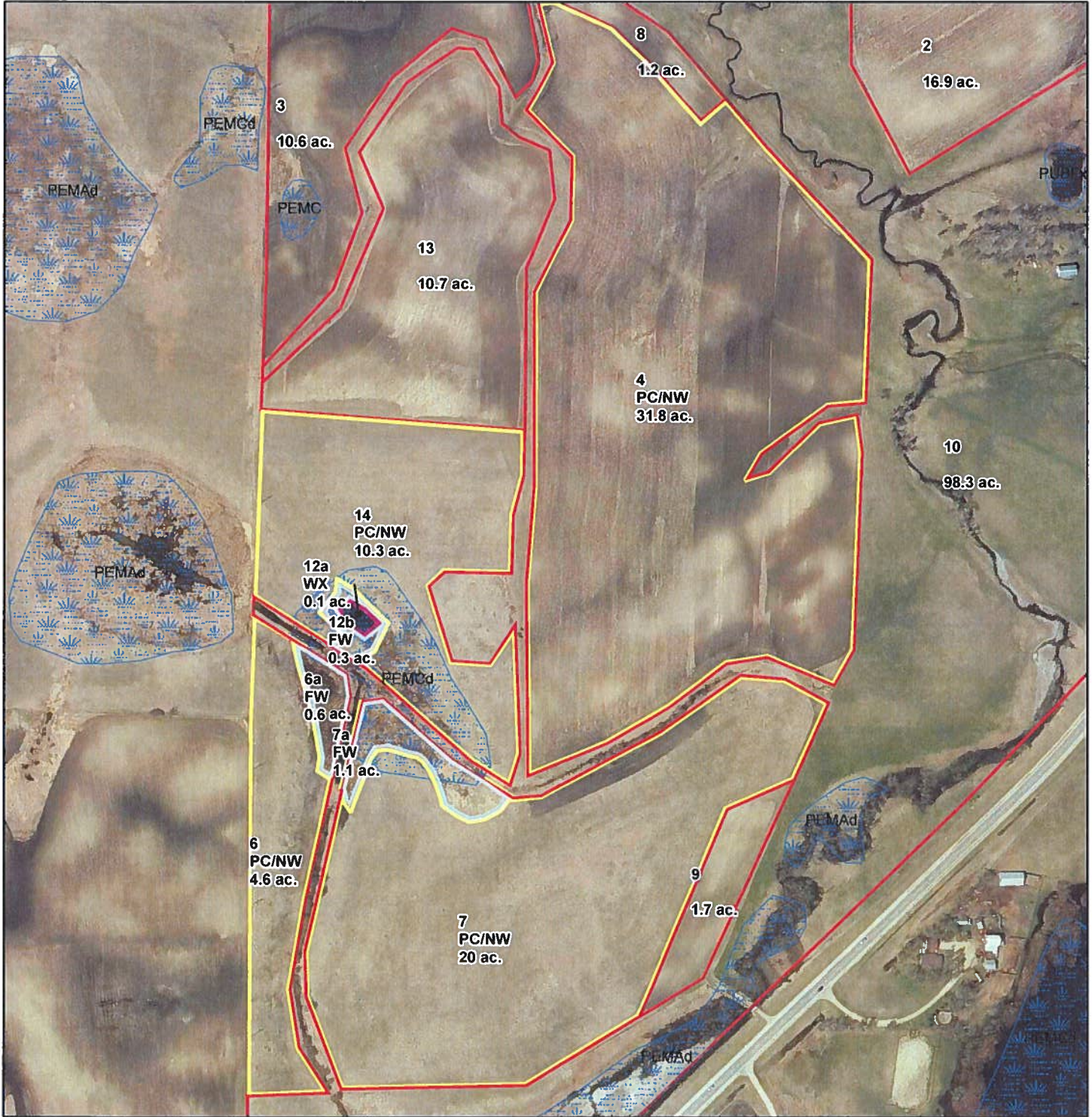
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1986	Normal	Slide missing					
1987	Normal	Slide missing					
1989	Normal	Slide missing					
1990	Normal	C	SW	CT	C	CT	
1992	Normal	C	SW	CT	CT	CT	
1996	Normal	CT	SW	CT	CT	CT	
1997	Normal	CT	CT/SW	CT	CT	CT	
2000	Normal	C	SW	CT	CT	C	
2002	Normal	Slide missing					
2003	Normal	C	SW	C	CT	CT	
2004	Normal	Slide missing					
2006	Normal	C	SW	CT	CT	CT	
2007	Normal	Slide missing					
2008	Normal	C	SW	CT	CT	CT	
<b>Number of Normal years observed that have wet signatures and percent of normal</b>		2/9, 22%	9/9, 100%	7/9, 78%	7/9, 78%	7/9, 78%	
<b>NWI designation</b>		None	PEMCD	PEMCD	None	PEMCD	
<b>Hydric Soil (unit, Y/N)</b>		J26B Darnen loam, J11A	J1A Parnell silty clay loam, depressional	J1A	J1A	J1A, J11A Vallery clay loam	
<b>Manipulated pre12/85; describe</b>			Dug out	Ditch	Ditch	Ditch	
<b>Date of Field Visit</b>							
<b>Potential Violations:</b>							
<b>Label</b>		PC/NW	WX	FW	FW	FW	

**Remarks: Tile will drain into field 10. Maintenance in field 10. Due to these factors, LG said a determination did not need to be made for field 10. Determination for fields 4, 6, 7, 12, and 14. See Con 6 notes for more info on sites**

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# NWI Wetlands

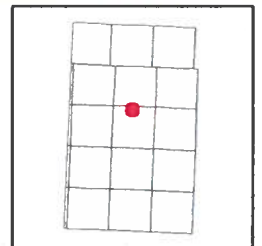
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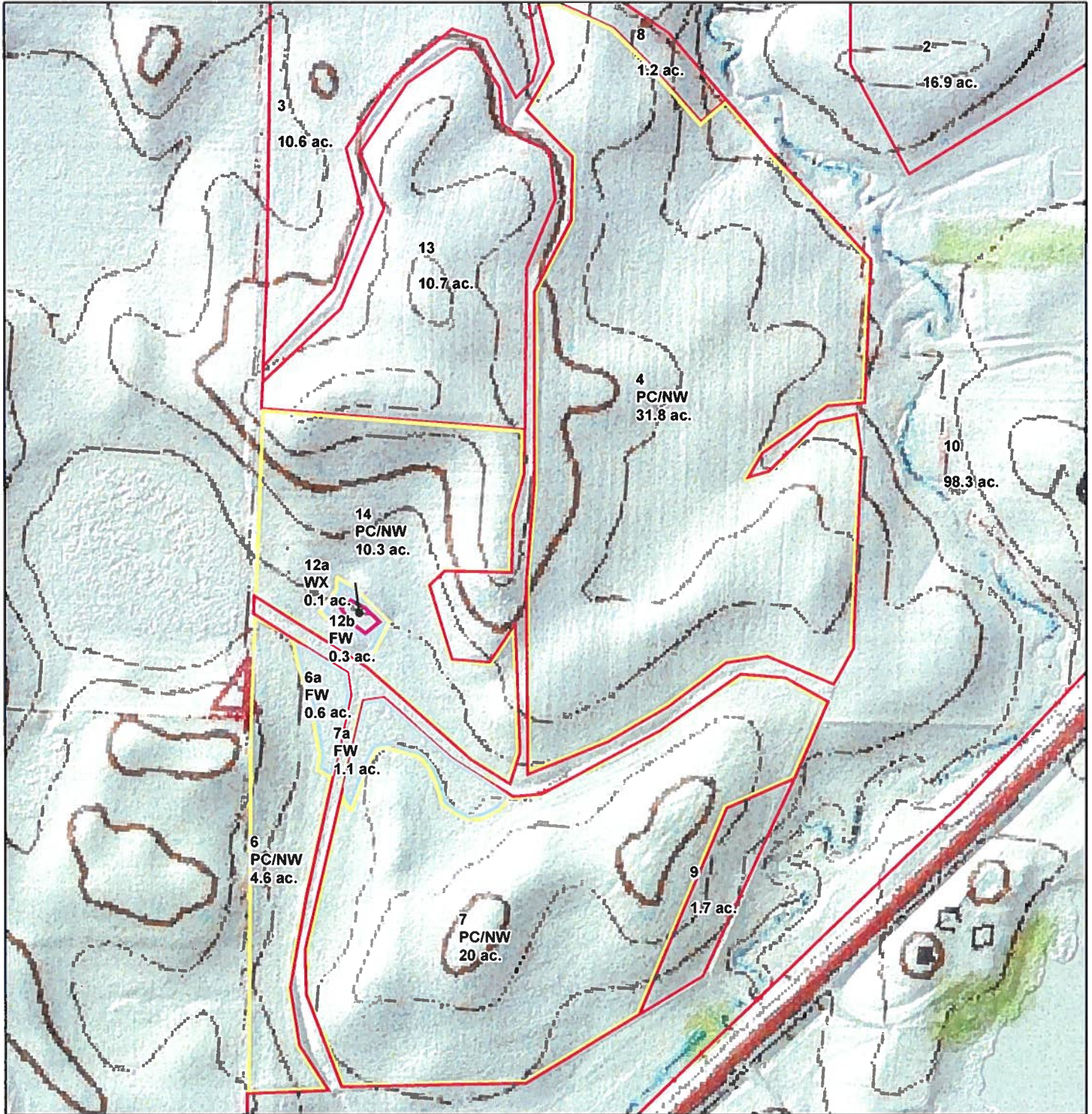
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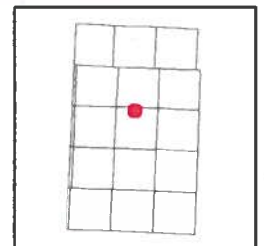
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