



## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

PROJECT: P24-011: Tract 2024002 Tree Removal  
 LOCATION: PRRIP Cottonwood Ranch Complex  
 NEAR: Elm Creek, Nebraska  
 REQUEST DATE: **September X, 2024**  
MANDATORY SITE  
SHOWING\*: **September X, 2024– 1:00 pm CT**  
 CLOSING DATE: **October X, 2024– 5:00 pm CT**  
 PUBLIC BID OPENING: **October X, 2024 – 1:00 pm CT**

POINT OF CONTACT: Tim R. Tunnell, Land Coordinator  
 Headwaters Corporation  
 4111 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 6  
 Kearney, NE 68845  
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The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following forms, plans and specifications:

- # 1 (\_\_\_) Project Specifications
- # 2 (\_\_\_) Construction & Material Specifications
- # 3 (\_\_\_) Whooping Crane Incidental Take Avoidance Procedures
- # 4 (\_\_\_) Sheet 1 - Cover
- # 5 (\_\_\_) Sheet 2 – Site Layout Sheet
- # 6 (\_\_\_) Sheet 4 – Tree Clearing

**THIS QUOTE SUBMITTED ON DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, having examined the drawings and investigated the local conditions affecting the project work, hereby proposes to perform the project in accordance with the contract documents for the following rates:



The Contractor is required to submit quotes for all work Items below:

Item No.	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Bid Unit Price	Bid Price
1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	N/A	\$ _____
2	Clear & Grub	EA	16	\$ _____	\$ _____
3	Burn & Bury Tree Piles	LS	1	N/A	\$ _____

**TOTAL QUOTE PRICE** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$) )

**WORK COMPLETION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT DURATION:**

The Contractor, under this agreement, shall commence this work within 10 calendar days of the date of NOTICE TO PROCEED (anticipated around **November 18, 2024**). If work is done during the period of March 5 and April 19, or October 15 and November 18, contractor must adhere to the “Whooping Crane Incidental Take Avoidance Procedures” or shut down completely during this time period.



**THIS QUOTE SUBMITTED BY:**

**An Individual**

Name (typed or printed): \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)  
*(Individual's signature)*

Doing business as: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Partnership**

Partnership Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of general partner - attach evidence of authority to sign)*

Name (typed or printed): \_\_\_\_\_

**A Corporation**

Corporation Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

State of Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Type (General Business, Professional, Service, Limited Liability): \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature - attach evidence of authority to sign)*

Name (typed or printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Corporate Secretary)*

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Bidder's Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

### PART 01 GENERAL

#### 1.1 SUMMARY

1.1.1 Description of Work: Furnish equipment, transportation, labor, supervision, supplies, and materials, to clear trees and burn/ bury piles in accordance with specifications on Sheet 3 & 4 and in accordance with the Specifications and Material Specifications for the project.

1.1.2 Location: Work under this Contract is in Buffalo County, Nebraska. The work site is located southwest of the city of Elm Creek on the Platte River. Sheet 1 identifies the project location.

1.1.3 Schedule of Work: The performance period of this Contract shall be from date of award through **January 31, 2024.**

#### 1.2 LIABILITY/INSURANCE

1.2.1 The successful bidder agrees to carry appropriate Workers' Compensation, hazard and liability insurance coverage during the term of this contract. The successful bidder shall furnish the Program satisfactory proof of coverage of the applicable insurance required. Upon request from the Program, the Contractor shall have the Program and Nebraska Community Foundation named as an additional insured on the Contractor's policy and provide the Program with evidence that the appropriate insurance coverage is in effect. Any bidder being self-insured must submit complete documentation that shows the company has sufficient insurance coverage to cover the terms and conditions of the contract.

#### 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1.3.1 Code and Standards: The work shall comply with the specification as written, and with codes and standards applicable to this type of work. This Contract may incorporate the use of specialized equipment to perform the required end product, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text.

#### 1.4 PROJECT/SITE CONDITIONS

1.4.1 Access to the Work: Public roads and unpaved access road on the property. All of work takes place within the floodplain of the Platte River.



## CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

**The work to be performed under these specifications consists of:**

Activities in this project include clearing trees and burn/ burying piles within the channel of the Platte River at the habitat complex identified on Sheet 2-4.

**The proposed work is in parts of Sec 7 T 8-N R 18-W,**

**approximately 3 miles from Elm Creek, Nebraska.**

The work shall be performed in accordance with the drawings and specifications unless otherwise approved, in writing, by the Program's Project Engineer. For items of work requiring Program inspection and/or approval, it is the responsibility of the contractor to keep the Project Engineer informed on the status of the work so that timely inspection may be provided. Work performed without the Program being provided the opportunity for inspection may not be accepted. All work on the project will conform to the title drawings and the following applicable specifications are marked in Column No. 1.

COL. #1	SPEC. NO.	SPECIFICATION TITLE
X	CS-01	Mobilization and Demobilization
X	CS-02	Tree Removal/ Clearing and Grubbing



## **CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION CS-01**

### **MOBILIZATION AND DEMOBILIZATION**

#### **1. Description.**

The work shall consist of the mobilization and demobilization of the Contractor's forces and the equipment necessary for performing the work required under the Contract. Mobilization will not be considered as work in fulfilling the contract requirement for commencement of work.

#### **2. Equipment & Materials.**

**2.1** Mobilization shall include all activities and costs for transportation of personnel, equipment and supplies/materials to the site, establishment of offices, buildings, and other necessary facilities for the Contractor's operations at the site.

**2.2** Demobilization shall include all activities and costs for transportation of personnel, equipment and supplies/materials not used in the Contract, including the disassembly, removal and site cleanup of any offices, buildings or other facilities assembled on the site for the Contract.

**2.3** This work includes mobilization and demobilization required by the Contract at the time of award. If additional mobilization/demobilization is required during the performance of the Contract due to changed, deleted, or added items of work, for which the Contractor is entitled to an adjustment in the Contract price, compensation for such costs will be included in the price adjustment for the item or items of work changed or added.

**2.3** The Contractor shall be responsible for all required permits for transportation of the Contractor's equipment. All equipment and materials shall be mobilized and demobilized in accordance with all local, state, and federal laws related to transportation and safety.

**2.4** Upon completion of the work, the Contractor shall restore all access areas to the same condition as prior to the start of the work.

**2.5** The Contractor is responsible for security of the Contractor's equipment while on site.



### **3. Measurement and Method of Payment**

**3.1** Payment shall be made as the work proceeds, after presentation of invoices by the Contractor showing specific mobilization and demobilization costs, and evidence of the charges of suppliers, subcontractors, and others.

**3.2** If the total sum of such payments is less than the lump sum contract price, the unpaid balance will be included in the final contract payment. Payments for mobilization will not exceed 60% of the lump sum contract price. A minimum of 40% of the contract price will be retained until such time that demobilization is complete. Prior to signing of the contract, the Contractor shall provide the PROGRAM with a detailed Payment Schedule for costs associated with mobilization & demobilization.

**3.3** Payment of the lump sum contract price for mobilization and demobilization will constitute full compensation for the completion of the work.

**3.4** Payment will not be made under this item for the purchase costs of materials having a residual value, the purchase costs of materials to be incorporated in the project, or the purchase costs of operating supplies.



## CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION CS-02

### TREE REMOVAL / CLEARING AND GRUBBING

#### 1. Description.

The work under this specification includes providing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary for clearing, grubbing and disposing of all vegetation and debris (including earthen materials incidentally removed with vegetation and debris), and removing structures and obstructions located within the limits shown on the Drawings or designated by the Project Engineer, except such objects as are designated to remain in place or are to be removed in accordance with sections of these specifications. The works shall also include the preservation from injury or defacement of all vegetation and objects designated to remain.

#### 2. Protection of Existing Vegetation.

Trees, shrubs, sod, and other vegetation designated to remain undisturbed shall be protected from damage throughout the construction period. The Contractor shall be responsible for the repair or replacement of vegetation damaged by the Contractor's operations.

**2.1** Earth fill, stockpiling of materials or vehicle parking shall not be allowed within the area of the drip line of the protected vegetation. Vegetation damaged due to disturbances under the drip line shall be replaced by the Contractor. Replacement vegetation must be of the same species, size, and condition unless a substitution is approved by the Contracting Officer.

**2.2** Any superficial damage such as cuts, skins, scrapes, or bruises to the bark of protected vegetation shall be carefully trimmed and treated using locally acceptable procedures.

**2.3** Limbs or branches, one half (1/2 ") inches or greater, which are broken or otherwise severed during construction, shall be cut flush at the base of the limb/branch.

**2.4** Roots, one inch (1") or greater, which are broken or otherwise severed during construction, shall have their ends cut smoothly and perpendicular to the root.

**2.5** Roots exposed during excavation or other operations shall be covered with moist soil as soon as possible to prevent the roots from drying out.





### **3. Delineation of Protected Vegetation**

The limits of the areas to be cleared will be marked by flags, stakes, tree markings or other suitable method. Trees and other vegetation not to be removed will be designated by a different color flag, ribbon, or stake.

### **4. Clearing and Grubbing**

All trees not marked for preservation and all snags, logs, brush, stumps, shrubs, rubbish, and similar materials shall be cleared from within the limits of the designated areas. Unless otherwise specified, all stumps, roots, and root clusters that have a diameter of 1 inch or larger shall be grubbed out to a depth of at least 1 foot below the ground surface. Except in areas to be excavated, stump holes and other holes from which obstructions are removed shall be backfilled with suitable materials. Materials shall be disposed of in accordance with Section 7 of this specification.

### **5. Above-Ground Clearing**

All trees not marked for preservation and all snags, logs, brush, stumps, shrubs, rubbish, and similar materials shall be cleared from within the limits of the designated areas. All woody vegetation will be removed flush with or slightly below the ground. Materials shall be disposed of in accordance with Section 7 of this specification.

### **6. Invasive Tree Shredding**

Eastern red cedar, Russian olive, false indigo, salt cedar, and willow trees shall be chipped or shredded to or slightly below ground level using a toothed forestry head (FECON Bull Hog, Loftness Carbide Cutter, or equal) capable of shredding woody brush into a variety of textures, from course to fine, mounted on a tracked skid steer. Knife style heads like the Loftness Timber Ax are not acceptable equals. All vegetation cuttings shall be shredded to a size of approximately 6 inches by three inches by two inches.

### **7. Disposal**

Materials removed during the clearing and grubbing operations will be disposed of by burning and burying. The Contractor is responsible for complying with all applicable local, state, or federal regulations when disposing of the materials.



**7.1** Burning shall be conducted under the constant care of competent employees. Burning shall be performed in a manner such that anything designated to remain will not be jeopardized. Burning shall be done in accordance with all applicable laws and ordinances.

**7.2** Merchantable timber within the clearing limits will become the property of the Contractor, unless otherwise specified.

## **8. Special Conditions:**

**8.1** Any garbage, rubbish, trash, or similar items found during clearing, shall be set aside by the contractor and disposed of in an approved solid waste facility. The PROGRAM has not identified any significant presence of such materials at the project location.

**8.2** Removed trees and brush will be stacked into piles located inside of the limits of in-channel clearing and grubbing areas and above-ground tree clearing area a minimum of 100 feet from the bank of the river or property boundary. The number of piles should be kept to a minimum, as much as is reasonable based upon density of trees, location of trees, topography, etc.

**8.3** Open burning must be conducted in a manner that does not injure trees or shrubs being left in place, create a nuisance, create a hazard to traffic, or cause damage to public or private property. The contractor is responsible for obtaining a burn permit and complying with the conditions or requirements of that permit.

**8.4** The contractor will dispose of debris left after burning by burying in place. The contractor will minimize the bulk of the material and cover it with at least one foot of earth.

**8.5** Stumps of re-sprouting species cut within the above-ground tree clearing area will be treated with TORDON RTU herbicide (or approved equal) immediately after the tree is cut. Spray sides of stump and outer portion of the cut surface, including the cambium ring along the inner bark; thoroughly wet but not to the point of runoff. Do not cut sprouting species if snow or water will prevent proper application of herbicide.

**8.6** All standing and downed dead woody vegetation within limits of clearing and grubbing and above-ground tree clearing will be piled and burned and buried along with cleared woody vegetation.

## **9. Measurement and Payment.**

**9.1** No measurement for payment shall be made of any of the work, materials, and equipment required for Tree Clearing, Burning and Burying. The per acre bid price for



clearing and grubbing and lump sum for burning and burying tree pile bid price shall include all the Contractor's costs of whatever nature including labor, material, and any incidental work and equipment necessary for Tree Clearing, Burning and Burying.

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
Tree Clearing,	AC
Burning and Burying	LS



## WHOOING CRANE INCIDENTAL TAKE PROCEDURES

1. Between the dates of March 5 and April 19, or October 15 and November 18, the CONTRACTOR will not begin work within 0.25 miles of the Platte River channel until one of the following requirements has been met each day: 1) The CONTRACTOR observes the airplane conducting whooping crane surveys during their daily flights over the work area without circling back to verify a whooping crane sighting; 2) it is at least one (1) hour after sunrise and the CONTRACTOR has visually confirmed there are no whooping cranes or large white birds in the work area; or 3) the Executive Director's Office (EDO) has confirmed the lack of whooping cranes in the work area. If the CONTRACTOR has any suspicion or question as to whether or not a whooping crane is present in the area, they will not start work until confirmation is made by the EDO or the bird(s) are observed leaving on their own accord by the CONTRACTOR who has reported the observation to the EDO and has been granted permission to begin work. ***The CONTRACTOR will contact the EDO immediately by telephone any time they suspect they may have observed a whooping crane; no other contacts will be made until approved by the EDO.*** The primary and secondary EDO points of contact for potential whooping crane sightings are:

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Dr. Malinda Henry

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Mobile: (308) 991-7602

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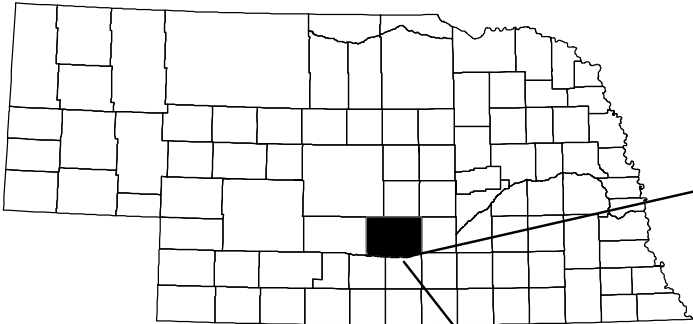
2. The PROGRAM conducts daily whooping crane surveys by flying an airplane up the river at an elevation of 750 ft. starting one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise when conditions allow. When the plane observes a white object, they circle around to determine what it is. If a whooping crane is observed, they notify the EDO in order for the EDO to obtain a confirmation of the sighting from the ground. If the plane flies over the work area without circling, then there likely are not any whooping cranes in the area; however, the CONTRACTOR must visually confirm there are no whooping cranes or large white birds in the work area prior to beginning work each day. The EDO will contact the CONTRACTOR immediately by telephone if a potential whooping crane is identified within the area they are conducting work.
3. If the CONTRACTOR observes a whooping crane or what they suspect might be a whooping crane, the field crew must leave the area immediately, notify the EDO, and not return until permission has been granted by the EDO.
4. Between the dates of March 5 and April 19, or October 15 and November 18, the CONTRACTOR will end all activities within 0.25 miles of a Platte River channel two hours prior to sunset unless otherwise approved by the EDO. All equipment used by the CONTRACTOR will be parked and stored at least 0.25 miles from the nearest Platte River channel and behind a tree line when available.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	PRELIM QUANTS	FINAL QUANTS
001	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	
002	IN-CHANNEL CLEAR & GRUB	AC	16	
003	BURN & BURY TREE PILES	LS	1	
004				
005				
006				

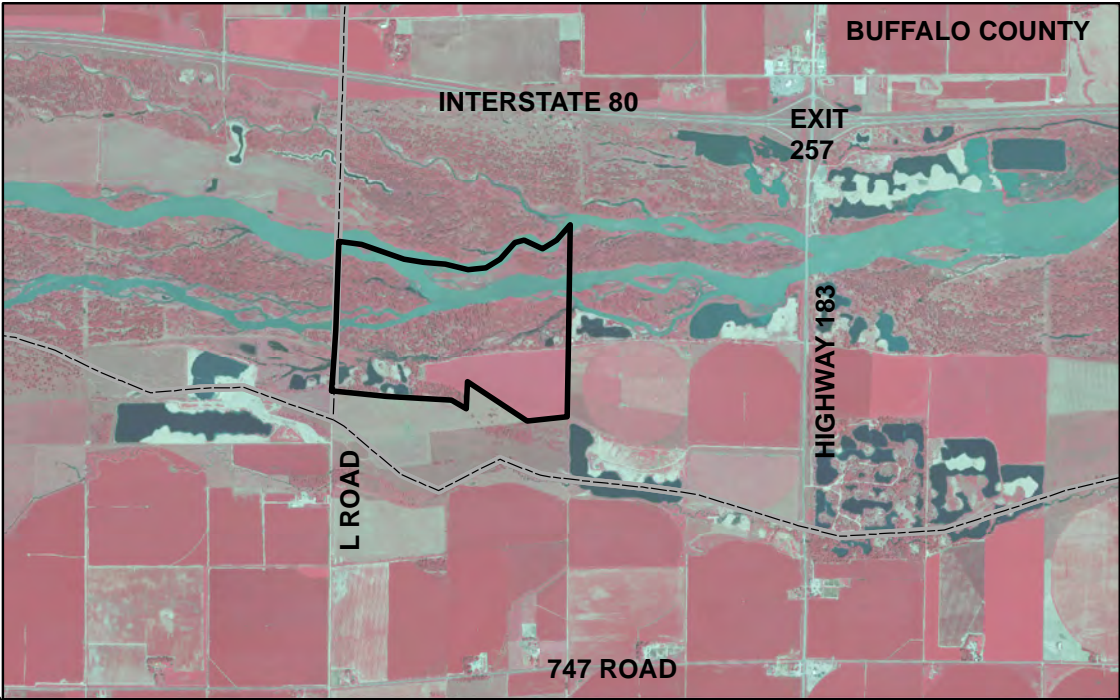
PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Tract 2024002  
Tree Removal  
IN BUFFALO COUNTY, NE


- INDEX
- 1 COVER SHEET
  - 2 SITE LAYOUT
  - 3 TREE REMOVAL



PROJECT LOCATION



**CAUTION**  
The Platte River Recovery Implementation Program will not be responsible for, or liable for, unauthorized changes to, or uses of these plans. All changes to the plans must be writing and must be approved by the Program.



PROJECT NO. 24-011

Tract 2024002  
Tree removal  
**COVER SHEET**

SHEET NO:  
**1 of 3**

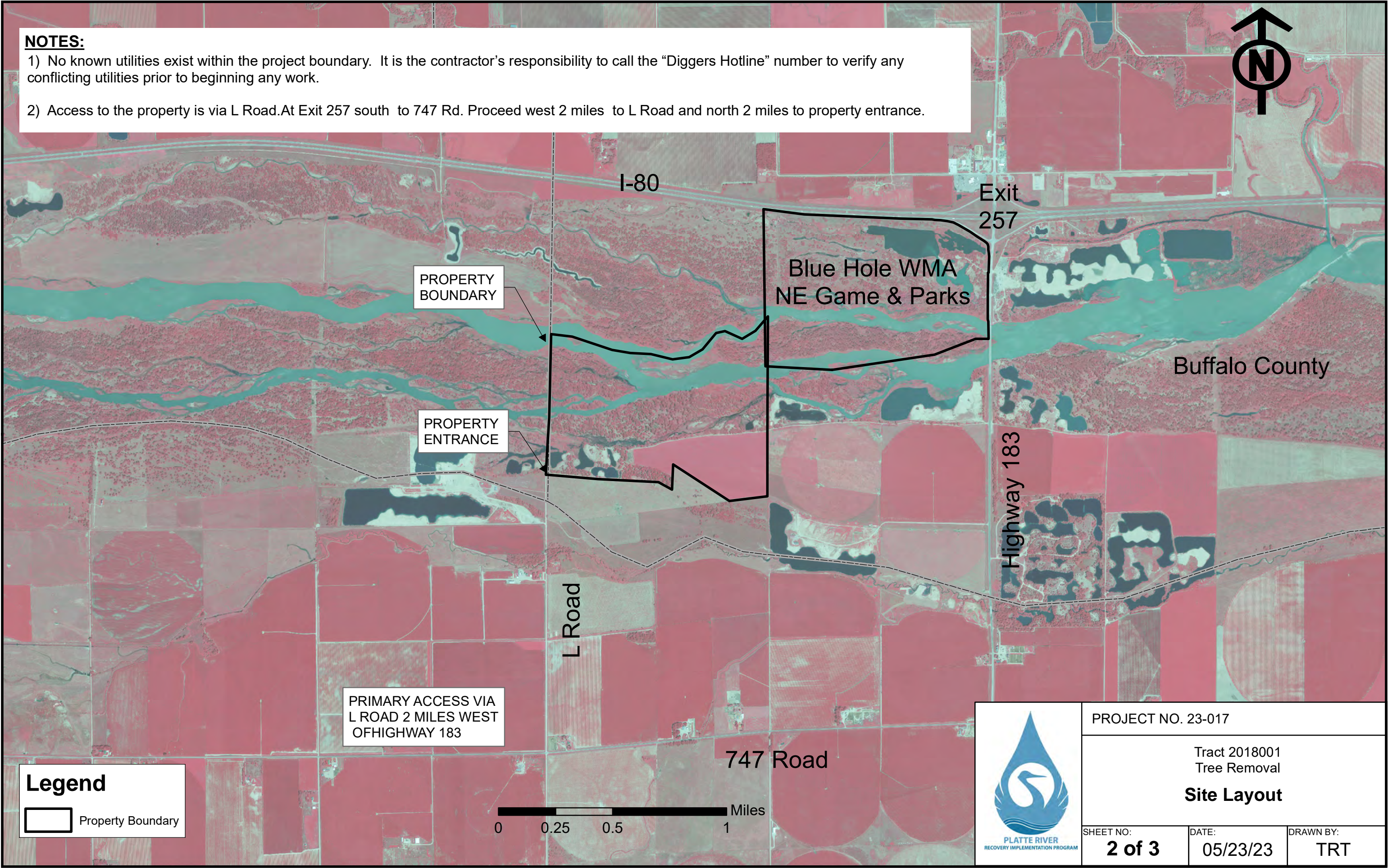
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**NOTES:**

- 1) No known utilities exist within the project boundary. It is the contractor's responsibility to call the "Diggers Hotline" number to verify any conflicting utilities prior to beginning any work.
- 2) Access to the property is via L Road. At Exit 257 south to 747 Rd. Proceed west 2 miles to L Road and north 2 miles to property entrance.



**Legend**

 Property Boundary



PROJECT NO. 23-017		
Tract 2018001 Tree Removal <b>Site Layout</b>		
SHEET NO: <b>2 of 3</b>	DATE: 05/23/23	DRAWN BY: TRT



**NOTES:**

- 1) The Project Engineer will flag the limits of tree clearing for the contractor prior to beginning of work.
- 2) Any merchantable timber may be harvested and removed at the contractors expense. All other cleared material will be placed in piles and burned and buried within the limits of the cleared area. No material may be burned and buried within 100' of a river channel or other wetland feature. If possible, stumps should be removed prior to piling and burning to facilitate a more complete burn and then all unburned material buried in place.



Buffalo County

Clear & grub all woody vegetation.  
(Approx 10 acres)

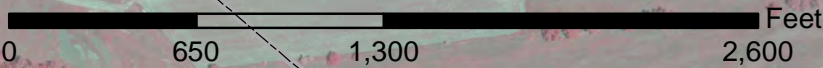
Burn & bury stumps & debris.  
(Approx 10 piles)

Clear & grub all woody vegetation.  
(Approx 6 acres)

Burn & bury stumps & debris.  
(Approx 6 piles)

**Legend**

- Property Boundary
- CLEAR & GRUB
- DOWNFALL CLEANUP



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Tract 2024002		
TREE REMOVAL		
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