

NDG&F June 22nd Newsletter

Fireworks Prohibited on Wildlife Management Areas

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department reminds citizens that possession or use of fireworks on state wildlife management areas is prohibited.

The primary objective of a wildlife management area is to enhance wildlife production, provide hunting and fishing opportunities, and offer other outdoor recreational and educational uses. Only activities that would not disrupt the intentions of how these areas are managed are encouraged, and a fireworks display is not compatible.

Excessive noise and commotion that come with fireworks disturbs wildlife, and their explosive nature is a potential source of wildfires. Chances of a wildfire developing are greatly enhanced when explosives, such as fireworks, come in contact with tall grasses in rural areas.

A complete list of the WMA regulations is available on the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov.

Game and Fish Pays \$533,500 in Property Taxes

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department recently paid more than \$533,500 in taxes to counties in which the department owns or leases land. The 2014 in-lieu-of-tax payments are the same as property taxes paid by private landowners.

The Game and Fish Department manages more than 200,000 acres for wildlife habitat and public hunting in 51 counties. The department does not own or manage any land in Traill or Renville counties. Following is a list of counties and the tax payments they received.

County	Tax Due	County	Tax Due	County	Tax Due
Adams	168.63	Grand Forks	16,222.00	Pierce	3,028.92
Barnes	4,659.63	Grant	824.85	Ramsey	16,112.78
Benson	4,193.46	Griggs	89.58	Ransom	1,289.15
Billings	232.91	Hettinger	3,518.17	Richland	15,086.41
Bottineau	5,165.95	Kidder	7,057.00	Rolette	34,351.83
Bowman	1,717.98	LaMoure	8,480.73	Sargent	15,941.79
Burke	951.57	Logan	329.99	Sheridan	56,352.14
Burleigh	27,490.54	McHenry	1,683.24	Sioux	265.59
Cass	6,888.14	McIntosh	7,408.64	Slope	1,223.82
Cavalier	25,864.62	McKenzie	32,153.15	Stark	192.25

Dickey	12,042.49	McLean	54,315.91	Steele	8,953.66
Divide	1,546.95	Mercer	13,788.32	Stutsman	4,708.06
Dunn	6,158.70	Morton	17,557.26	Towner	1,917.26
Eddy	7,862.36	Mountrail	7,957.75	Walsh	10,667.85
Emmons	3,990.78	Nelson	5,548.76	Ward	94.80
Foster	750.23	Oliver	2,408.27	Wells	54,988.79
Golden Valley	122.99	Pembina	14,958.35	Williams	4,228.09