



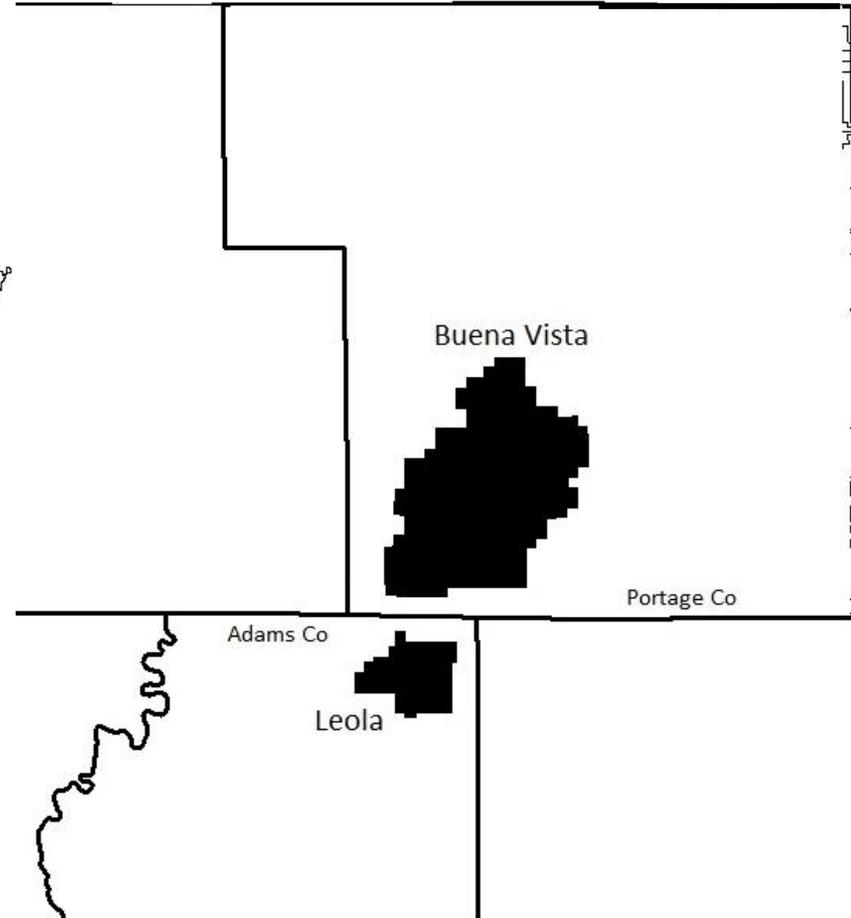
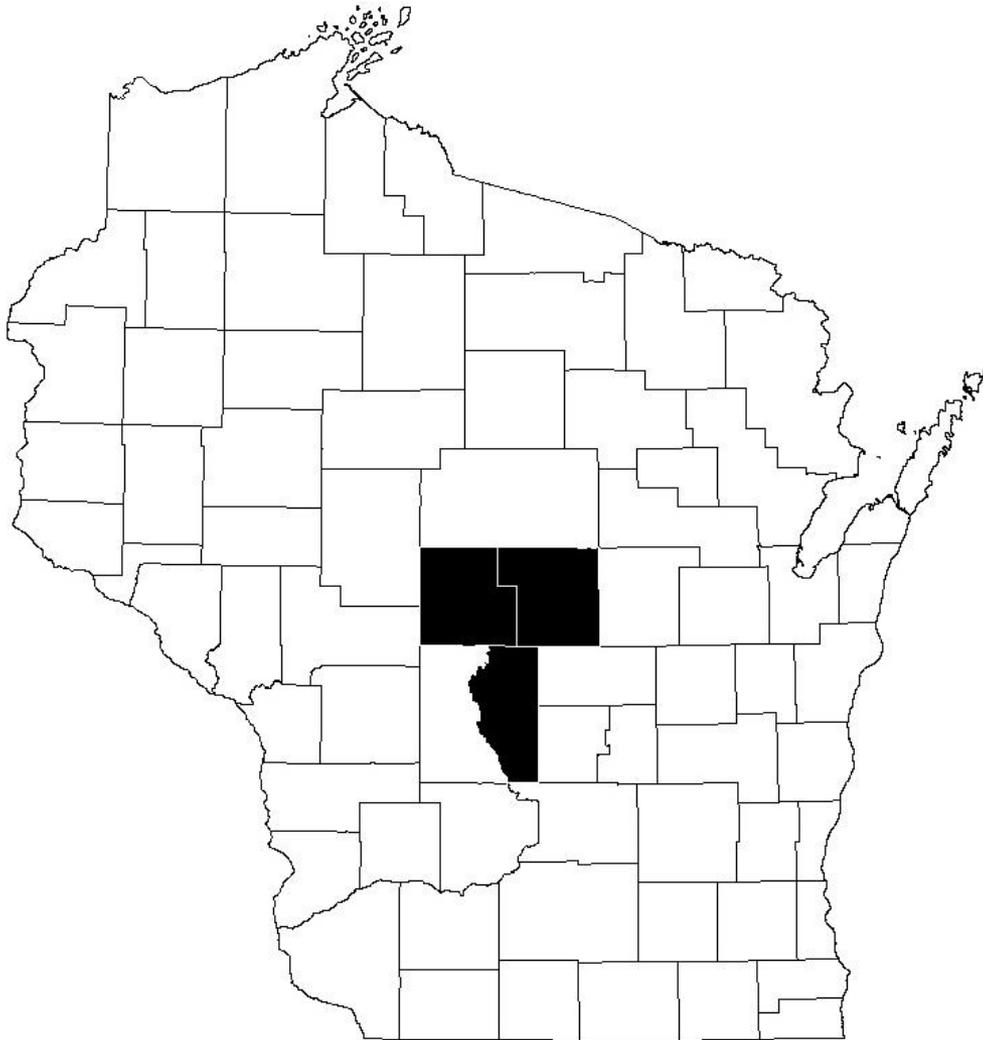
Grazing Public Lands: Lessons in Persistence

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Why Grazing?

- Long history of continuous grazing
- Addition of Rotational grazing to provide:
 - Flexibility
 - Learn new techniques
- Additional management tool





Goal:

Improve grassland habitat for wildlife

Add to suite of management tools

Objectives:

- Increase grass/forb diversity
- Increase variation in vegetation height/density
- Reduce invasive species
- Reduce reliance on mechanical/chemical management



In the Beginning. . .

- We knew how to set-up electric fence
- We knew the basics of pasture set-up
- HOW and WHO do we find someone to graze rotationally.



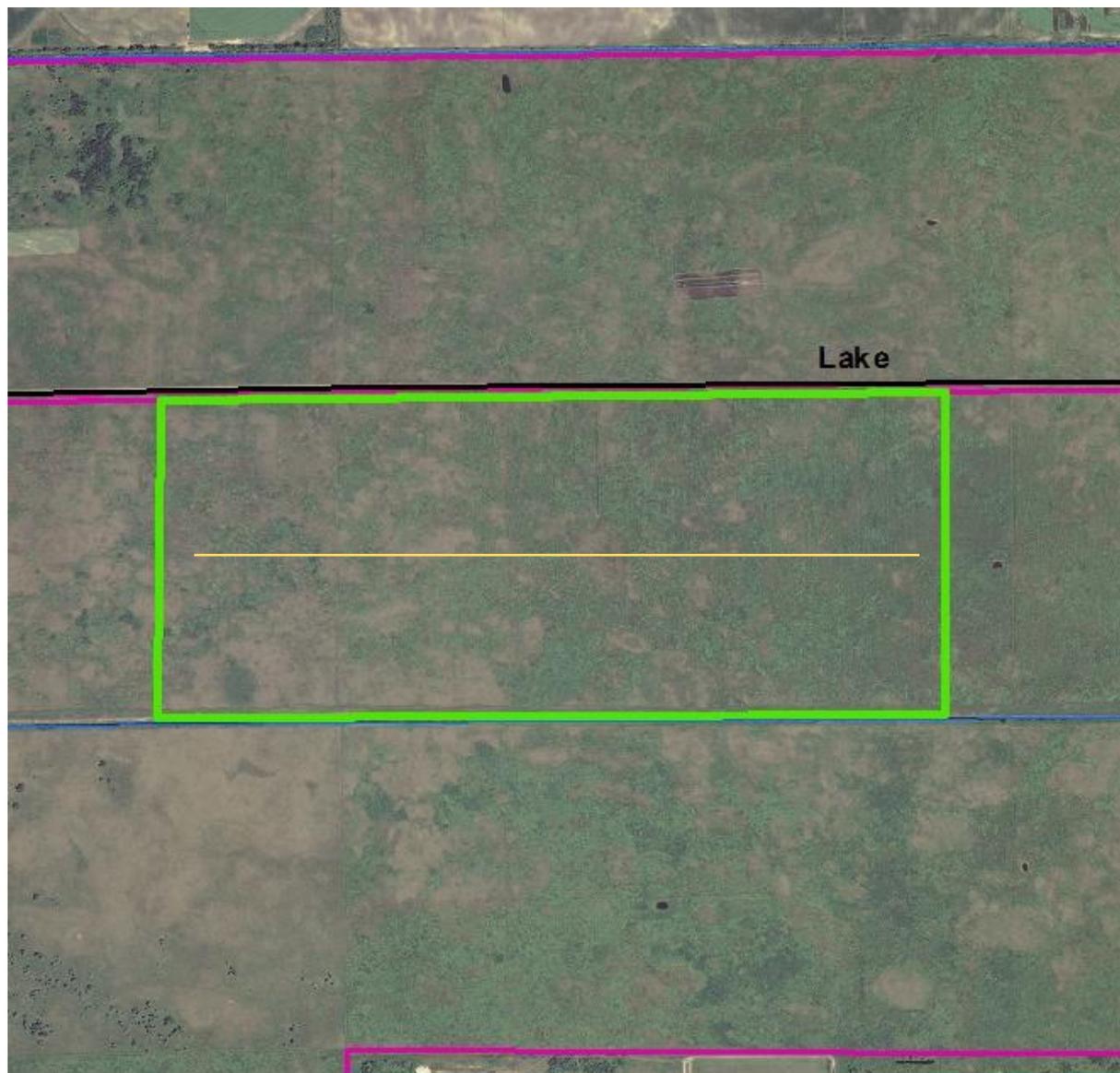
How to find a Grazier

- How does one find a rancher willing to try something new and work with government?
 - Met a rancher with a good size heard that worked for the government.
 - Was willing to teach me about



Project 320 acres

- ½ mile x 1 mile
- Vegetation representative
- Road access
- Soil Conditions



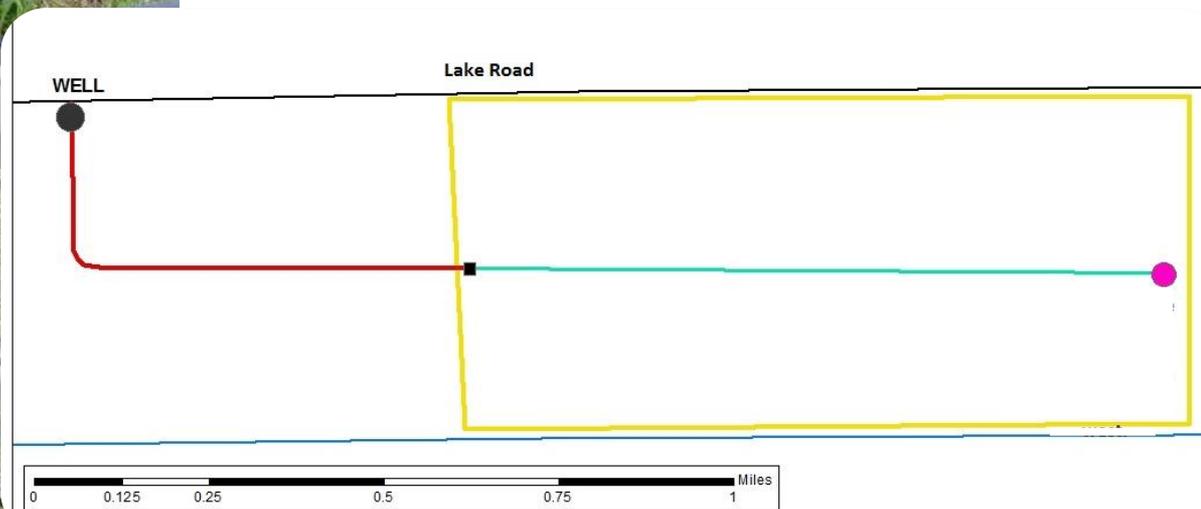
Logistics & Infrastructure

****Cows Need Water****

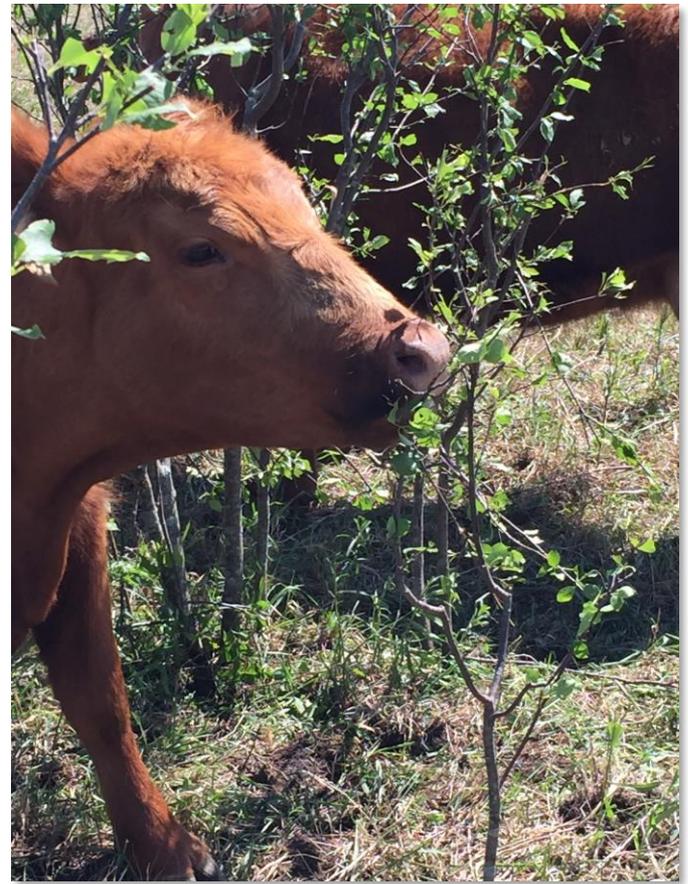
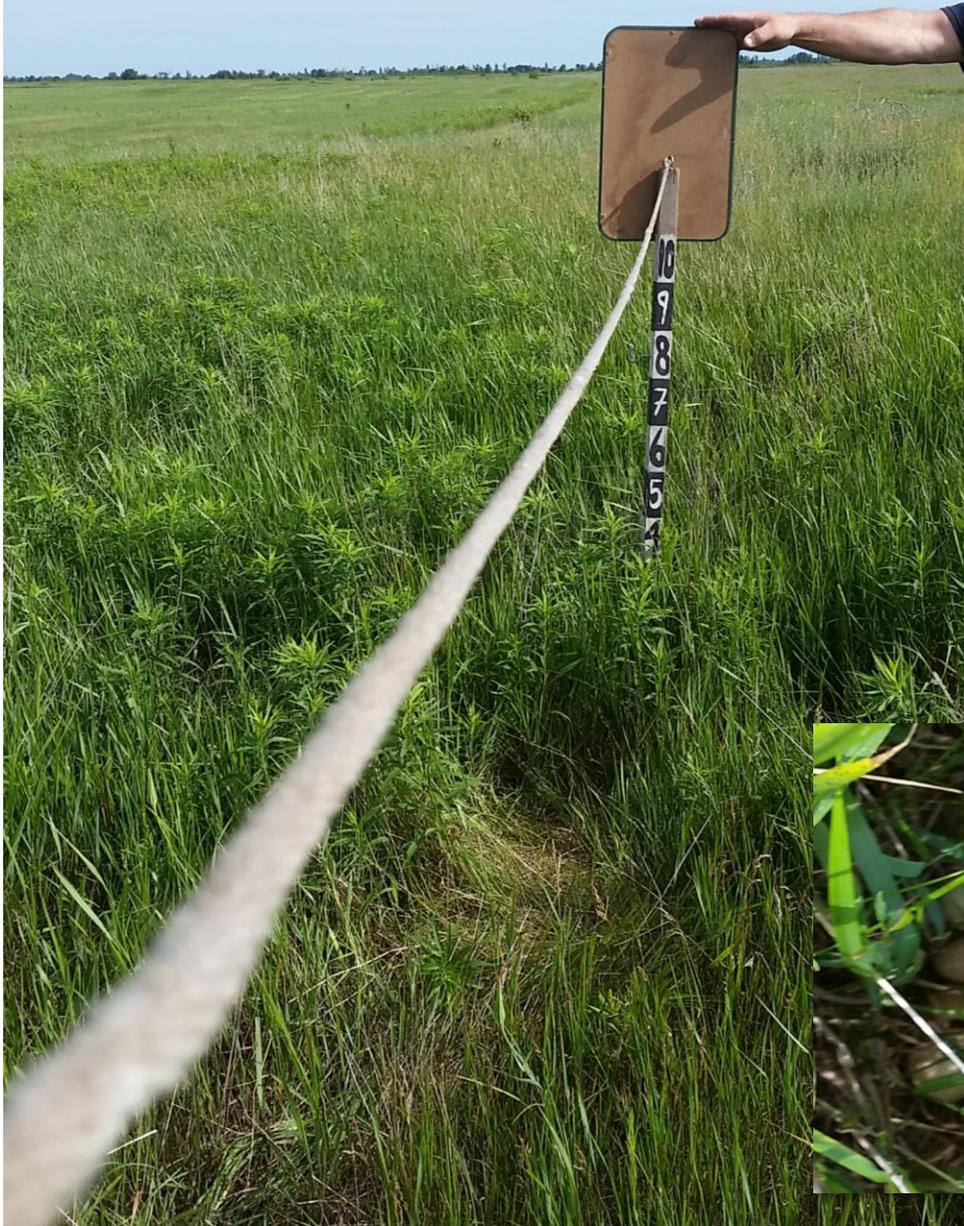


Spring 2017

- Added a well
- Buried waterline
- Tried a few different watering tank options
- More 500 gal water tanks



Habitat Changes . . .



Spread the Word



Let's try something new . . . Owen Rock, Leola Wildlife Area

Year before grazing July 9, 2019



May 29, 2020



September 1, 2020



June 7, 2021



June 5, 2023



What to expect . . .

- Infrastructure
- Weather
- People

- Communicate
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- **Flexibility**



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