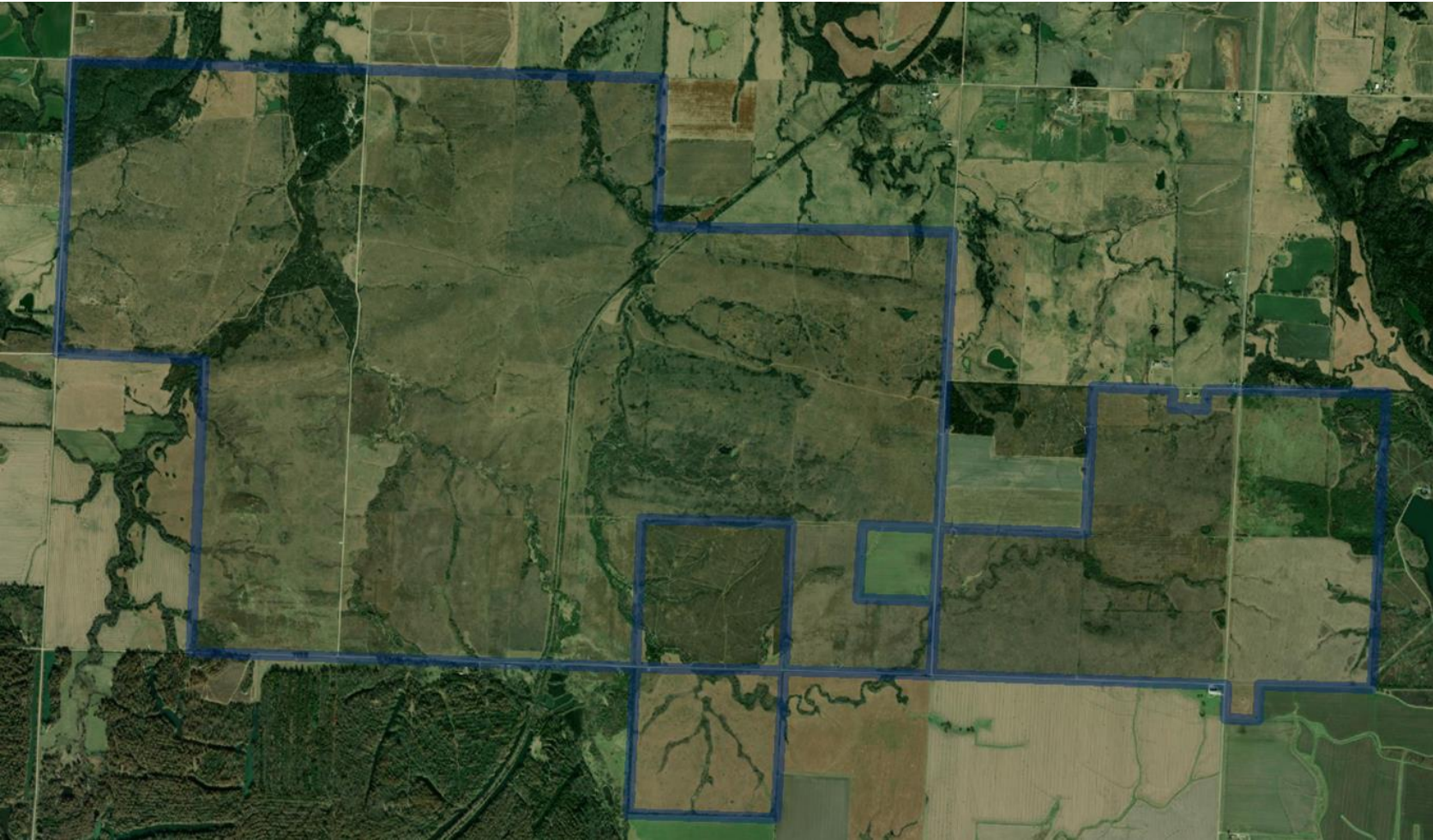


Prairie State Park Public Meeting 2020

The mission of Prairie State Park is to preserve and interpret the largest remaining example of Missouri's original tallgrass prairie.



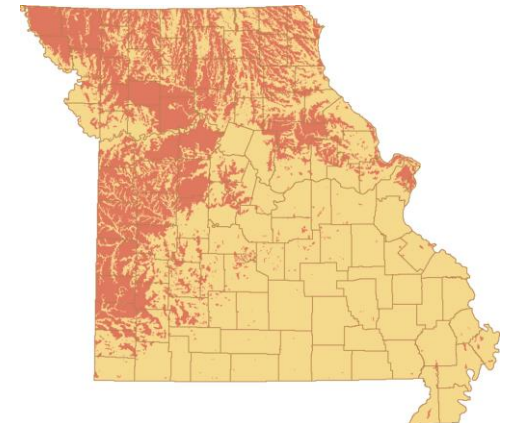
What's at Prairie State Park?



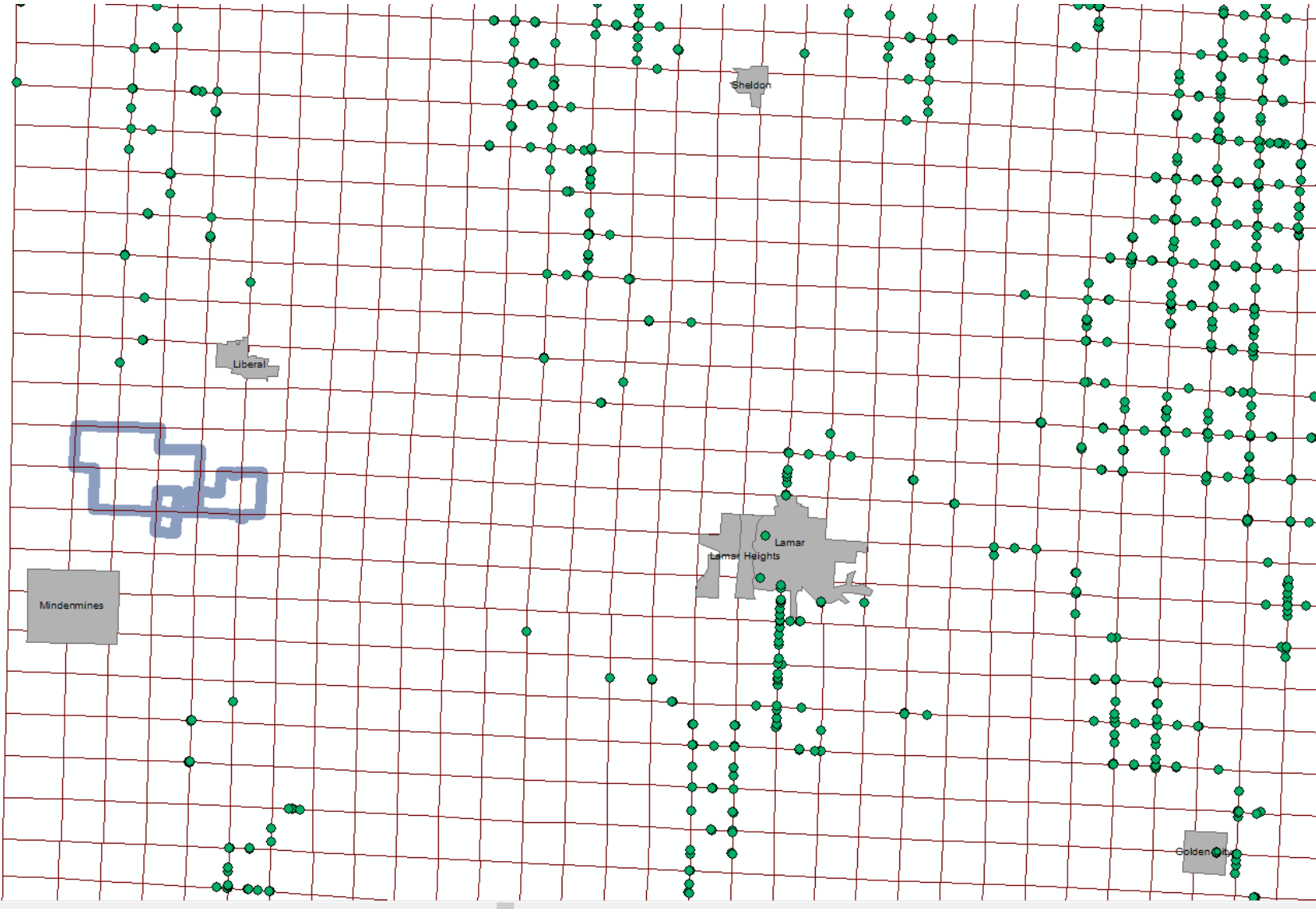
**-3955 acres, ~75%
never-plowed prairie**

**-Prairie once covered
about 1/3rd of state, now
< 1% remains**

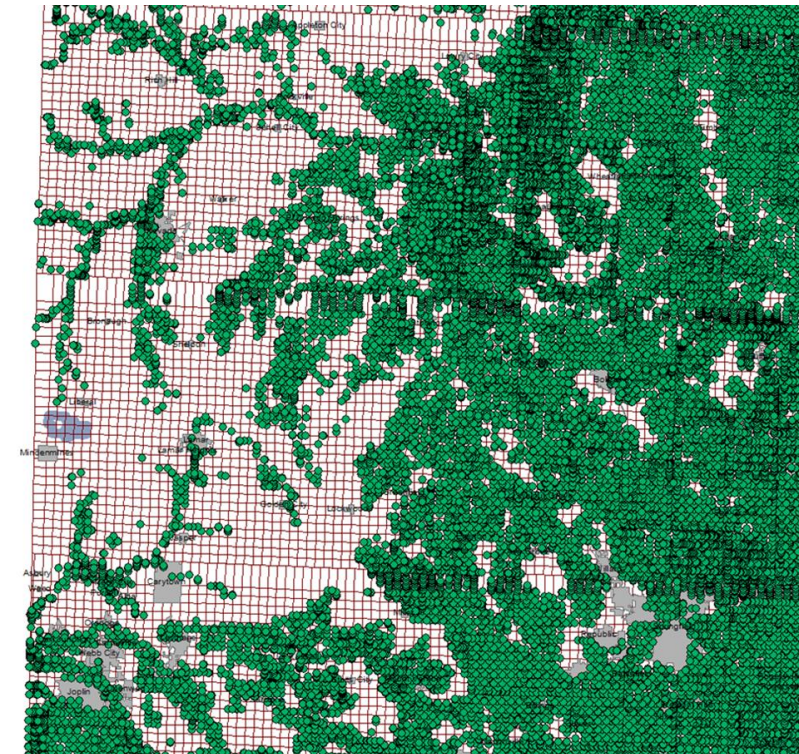
**-Barton county – 86%
prairie, highest historic
coverage in MO**



Pre-Settlement Prairie



**Historic tree locations
from early 19th century
GLO notes suggests no
trees in vicinity of park**



Prairie State Park - Flora



Violet Blue-Eyed Mary

- 600+ species of plants**
- Numerous high-quality prairie indicators**
- Several rare and endangered species**



Virginia Bunchflower

Prairie State Park - Fauna

**-Several regionally rare
insects, amphibians, reptiles,
birds, and mammals**

-50+ bison

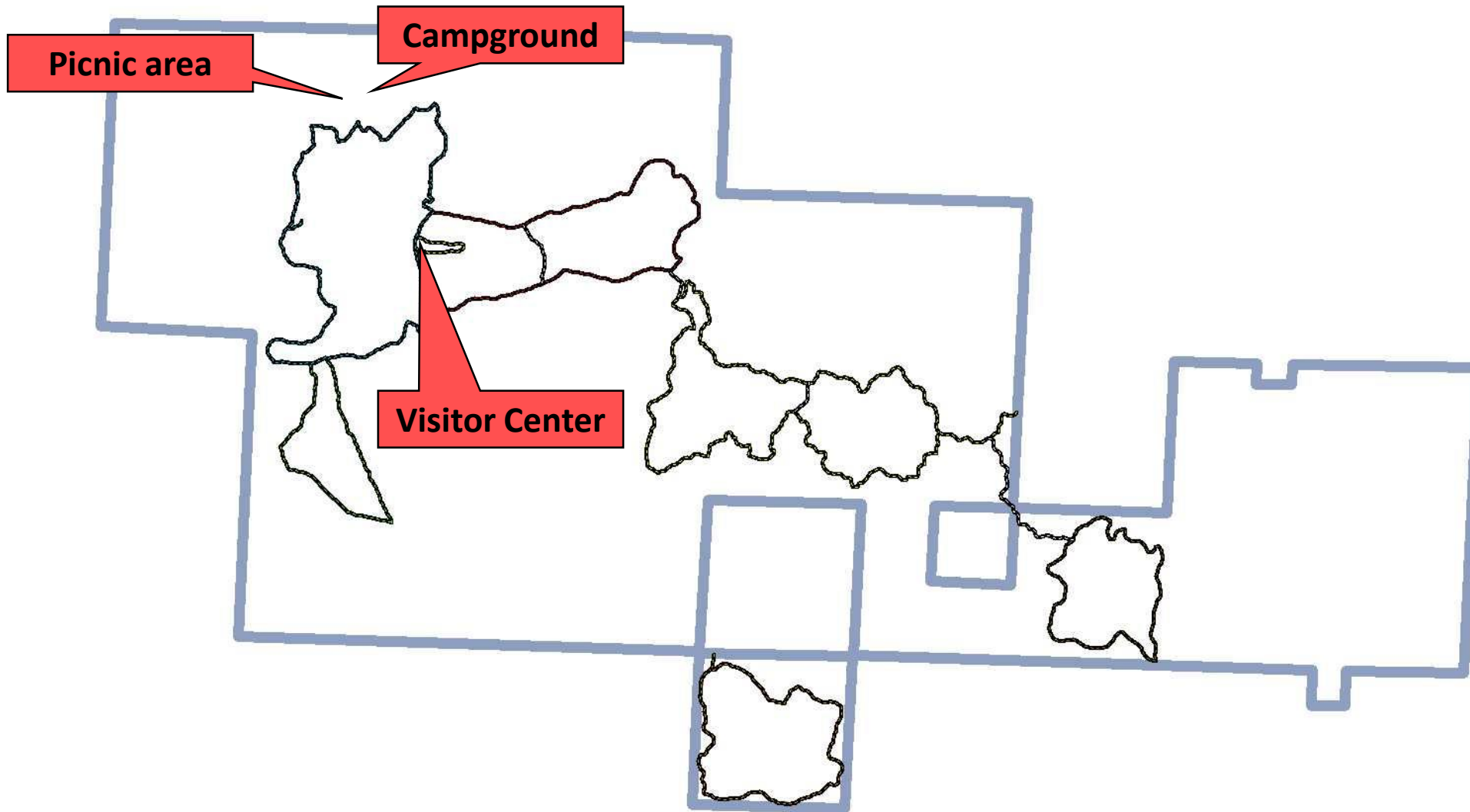


Cope's Gray Treefrog



American Bison

What's at Prairie State Park?



**-Over 16 miles
of hiking trails**

**-Four basic
campsites, one
backpacking
campsite**

**-Picnic area with
tables, grills, and
creek access**

**-Tallgrass Prairie
Visitor Center
with displays and
live animals**

Visitor Stats



Picnic Area

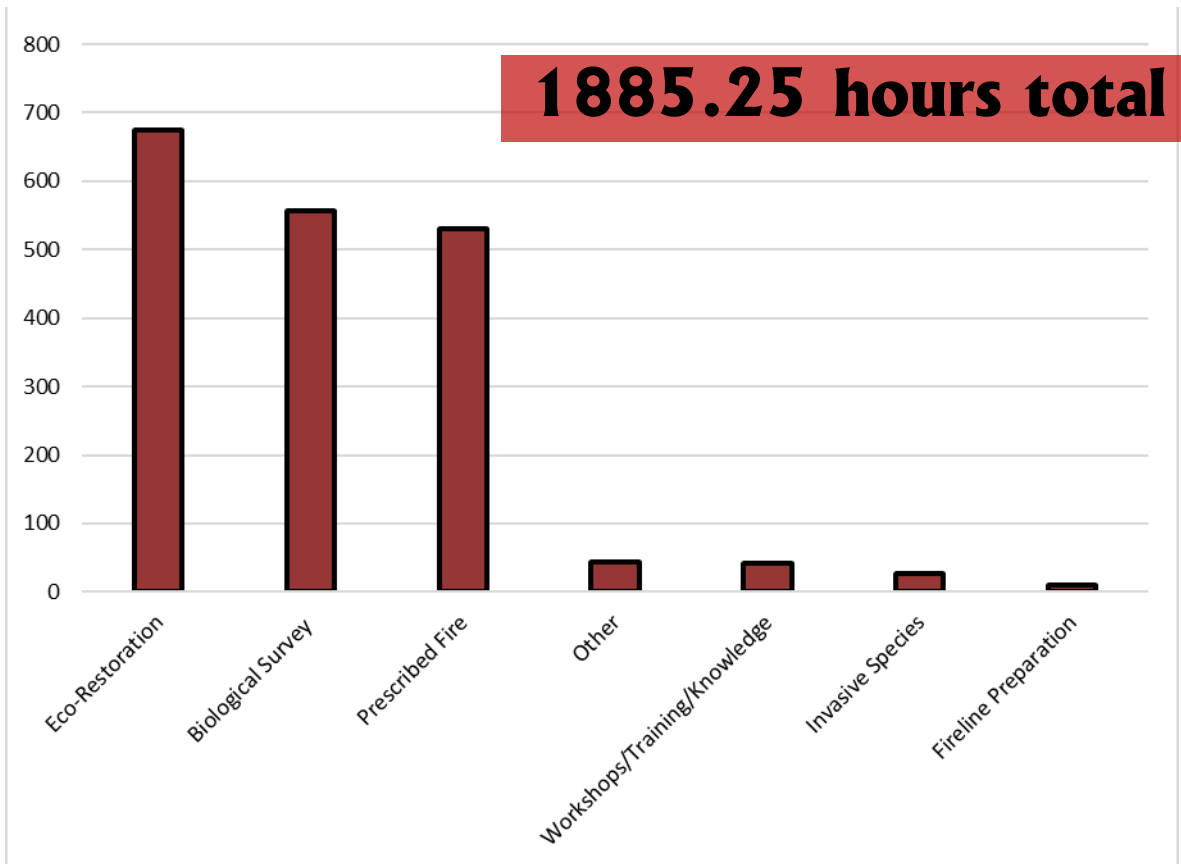
In 2019 –

Visitors:	33,571
Campers:	416
Camping Nights:	156
Programs Presented:	157



Stewardship

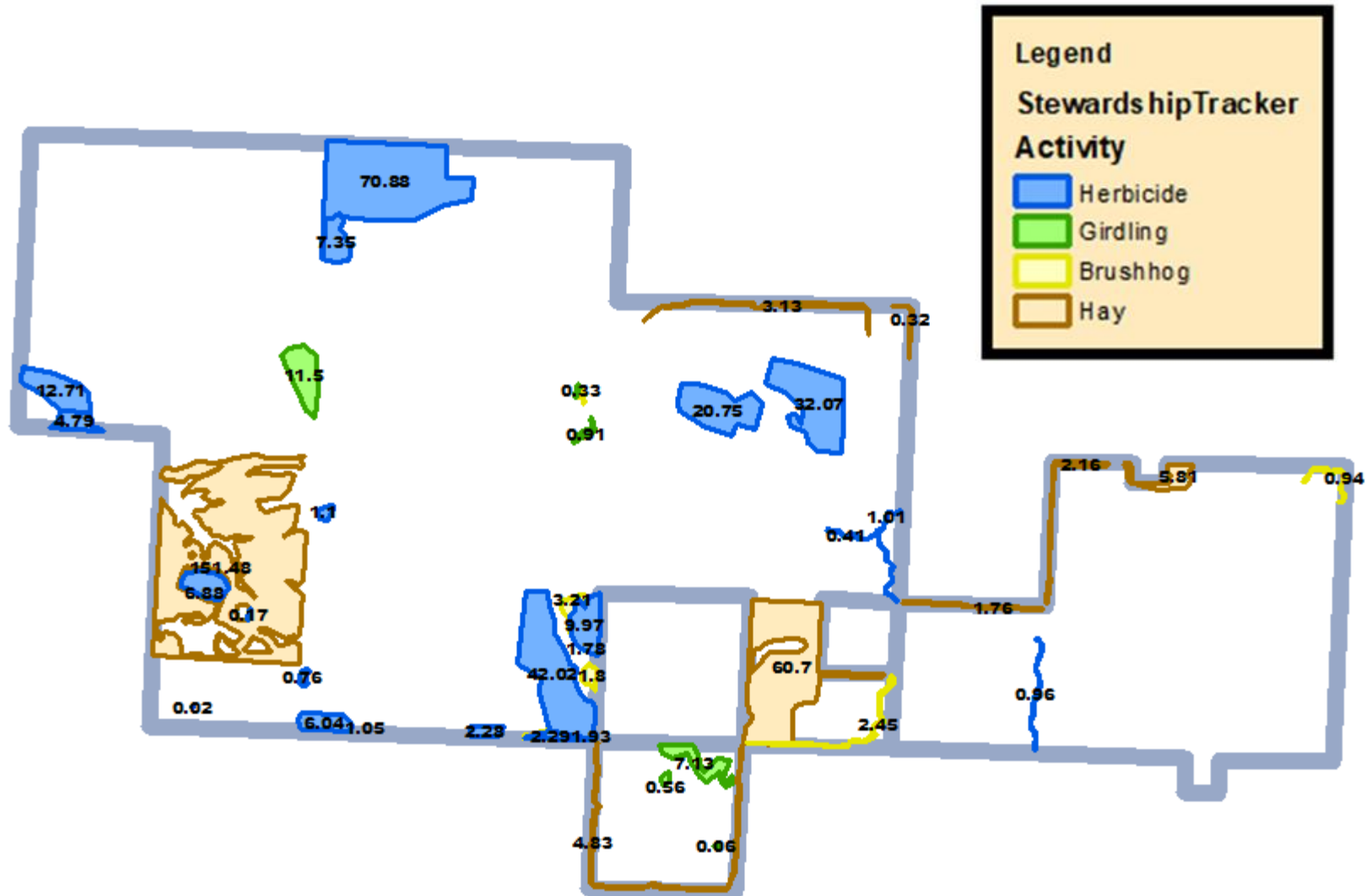
Ecological Stewardship Hours June 2019 – June 2020



- Mulcher on Hunkah Prairie
- 1,882 acres burned in six units
 - Invasive species treated
 - ~ 150 acres hayed



June – September 2020



Sericea lespedeza

Biological Monitoring and Research



Mead's Milkweed

- Mead's Milkweed survey – one fruiting pod
- Vegetation sampling transects
- Reptile/amphibian cover boards
 - Frog/toad calling surveys



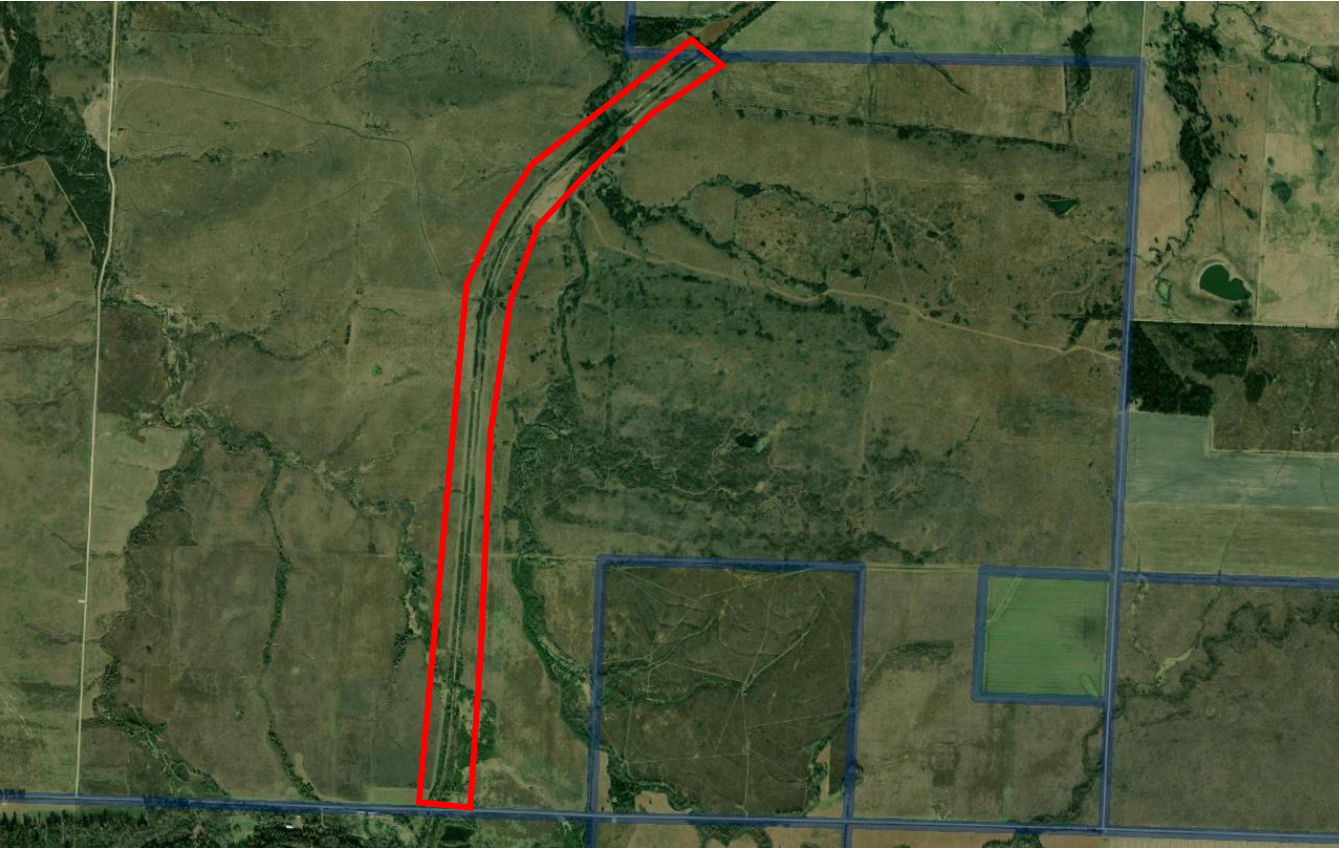
Vegetation sampling

Maintenance and Repair Projects



- **New panels for greenhouse roof**
- **Numerous fence and gate repairs**
- **Equipment repair and improvements**

Upcoming Projects



Railroad Corridor

- **Burn season – 1,500 acres**
- **Bison sale – Oct 21, 11:00 am**
- **RR vegetation management**
- **Continue invasive species and brush management work**
- **Seed collection and replanting**

Questions?



Rattlesnake Master, Blazing Star