

# Fire: 4,000 acres burn

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and didn't leave the scene until 1:30 in the morning," says Kottre.

Thankfully only unoccupied structures and cars were in the path of destruction, yet many farmers and ranchers came within feet, and for some inches, to lose everything.

Close to eight years ago, Matt Kuhn and his family lost their home to a house fire, and as the flame slowly crept closer to their home last week, Kuhn was determined to not lose another home.

"I was just thinking, 'Oh my God this can't be happening again,'" says Kuhn.

Wind gusts reached as high as forty-seven miles per hour and began changing directions throughout the evening, spreading the fire quickly.

"I have a three-point cultivator, and I thought by the time I got that hooked up it would be here, so I just started pushing dirt with my loader," Kuhn explains.

Neighbors came to help, which Kuhn is grateful for. "We had

people come from thirty miles away to help and there's something to be said about that," he says.

"We moved here eighteen years ago and the guy I bought my place from said he should charge extra because it comes with a good neighborhood, and he wasn't kidding."

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is also still standing tall after flames surrounded the property line.

Fire Chief Kottre urges residents to be cautious of any previously lit fires, as they can smolder for quite a while after being distinguished. "Check any burn pits that might have been burned during the winter and try to avoid driving through tall grass, if possible," he says.

"I also just want to say thank you to everyone that showed up and helped. We wouldn't have done it without all the help."

The initial cause of the fire is under investigation.



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**FIREFIGHTERS AND Local VOLUNTEERS** worked tirelessly to contain the blaze amid high winds and dry conditions.



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**FLAMES ENGLUF THE LANDSCAPE** as a massive wildfire tears through 4,000 acres in Grant County, leaving behind charred fields and smoke-filled skies.

# Ambulance district meeting planned

A public meeting will be held to answer questions about legislation mandating formation of a rural ambulance district. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the New Leipzig ambulance hall.



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## ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE

Education Standards and Practices Board will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code 67.1-02-01-06, 67.1-02-02-02, 67.1-02-02-04, 67.1-02-02, 67.1-02-03, 67.1-02-04, 67.1-02-05, 67.1-02-05-04, 67.1-02-06, 67.1-03-01, and 67.1-04-03 at 10:00 CT on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 2718 Gateway Avenue, Suite 204, Bismarck, ND.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by calling the Education Standards and Practices Board (701) 328-9641. Also, written comments may be submitted to 2718 Gateway Ave. Bismarck ND until April 25, 2025.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Education Standards and Practices Board at the above telephone number or address at least 3 days prior to the public hearing. Dated this 10th day of March 2025  
Rebecca S. Pitkin, PhD  
Executive Director  
Education Standards and Practices Board

## Public Notice

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):  
Job No.: 24263  
Project No(s): SS-1-006(030)011  
Length: 30.541  
Type: CHIP SEAL  
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Location: ND 6, NEAR CMC 4324 (SELFRIDGE) N TO JCT ND 21  
Job No.: 24488  
Project No(s): HES-1-999(059)  
Length: 77.300  
Type: PAVEMENT MARKING  
County(s): SIOUX Co  
Location: VARIOUS STATE HIGHWAYS - STANDING ROCK RESERVATION

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com) until 09:30AM, April 11, 2025. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.  
Requested by:  
Ronald J. Henke, P.E.,  
Director  
North Dakota Department of Transportation

THE NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS AND CHANGES FOR THE 2025 BIGHORN SHEEP, ELK AND MOOSE PROCLAMATION.

Applications must be submitted online. The deadline to apply is March 26, 2025.

SPECIES	SEASON	SEASON BAG LIMIT
Anticipated Bighorn Sheep Regular Season	Oct. 31 - Dec. 31	One Male Bighorn Sheep
Elk Bow Season (Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E6, E7)	Sep. 5 - Sep. 28	One Elk of the type designated on license
Elk Regular Season (Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E7)	Oct. 3 - Jan. 4	
Elk Regular Season (Unit E3, E4, E5)	Sep. 5 - Jan. 4	
Elk Regular Season (Unit E6)	Oct. 3 - Nov. 6 & Nov. 24 - Jan. 4	One Moose of the type designated on license
Moose Bow Season (Unit M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11)	Sep. 5 - Sep. 28	
Moose Regular Season (Unit M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11)	Oct. 10 - Nov. 2	

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR**

- A bighorn sheep hunting season is scheduled to open in 2025, unless there is a recurrence of bacterial pneumonia. Applicants may apply for a license at this time, but not in a specific unit. The status of the bighorn sheep season will be determined by September 1.
- Total elk licenses increased by 127 to 960.
- Total moose licenses increased by 54 to 296.
- All moose licenses and Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E6 and E7 elk licenses may hunt during both the Bow Season and the Regular Season until license is filled. Moose Hunting Units M1C and M4 will remain closed in 2025.
- Unit E7 was created after discussions with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, landowners and hunters to manage a growing elk herd in and surrounding the J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge.
- Unit B2 was created, adjusting the boundaries of units B3, B4 and B5.

A complete 2025 bighorn sheep, elk, and moose hunting proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).

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16 NW4, E2 W of HWY	249	3	\$2654

Control requirements apply to all lessees. Auctioneer will read specific requirements at the auction. The public lease auction will be held in Ft. Yates, ND at Sioux County Courthouse, Meeting Room on 3/25/25 at 2:00 PM CT. Other than the descriptions of the lands to be auctioned, the information contained in this advertisement may be revised prior to the auction upon further review by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands. Any such revisions will be announced at the auction and will be binding upon the bidders. Bidding will begin at minimum rent. 1st year's rent must be paid in full immediately after the sale. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information, visit <https://land.nd.gov> or call (701) 328-2800. For auxiliary aids and services, please call by 3/14.

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