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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the Matter of Project Establishment)
Upper Buffalo River Restoration)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held for the Upper Buffalo River Restoration on **Monday April 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM, at the Watershed Office, 1303 4th AVE NE, Barnesville, MN**, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §103D.605, 103D.729, and any other applicable statutes. Interested parties are invited to attend.

The Engineer's Report (Minn. Stat. §103D.711) filed on June 5, 2023, and revised on July 20, 2023 by Houston Engineering, Inc., Fargo, ND, is open to public for inspection during business hours at the watershed office and available at www.brrwd.org. The proposed water management district (M.S.A. 103D.729) is also available for inspection.

Project will restore 3.5 miles of channel in Section 7 Callaway Township and Sections 11, 12 and 13, Riceville Township, Becker County. Proposed channel restoration and streambank stabilization will result in the construction of a two-stage channel and upsizing culverts for fish passage to reconnect the river to its historic channel alignment. The project aims to improve water quality, manage erosion, reduce sedimentation, and enhance natural resources. The project is consistent with the goals of BRRWD's Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Total estimated water management district fee would be \$28,000.00, which could be applied on an annual basis to help with project implementation and future maintenance. Total cost per acre would range from \$0.00 per acre to \$2.42 per acre as dictated by land use. Total cost of proposed project is estimated at \$4,700,000.00. \$3,900,000.00 is estimated for construction, \$800,000.00 for easement acquisition. Project costs will be financed by the BRRWD basic water management fund (\$390,000.00); water management district (\$195,000.00); MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Stream Habitat Program (\$1,700,000.00); Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Outdoor Heritage Fund (\$2,415,000.00).

You are hereby given notice to appear before the BRRWD Board of Managers at the time and place designated and present any objections you may have, and to show cause why an Order should not be made by the BRRWD confirming the reports of the Engineer and the water management district and ordering the establishment and construction of said project.

Date: March 10, 2025

/s/ Peter Fjestad
Peter Fjestad, President
Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

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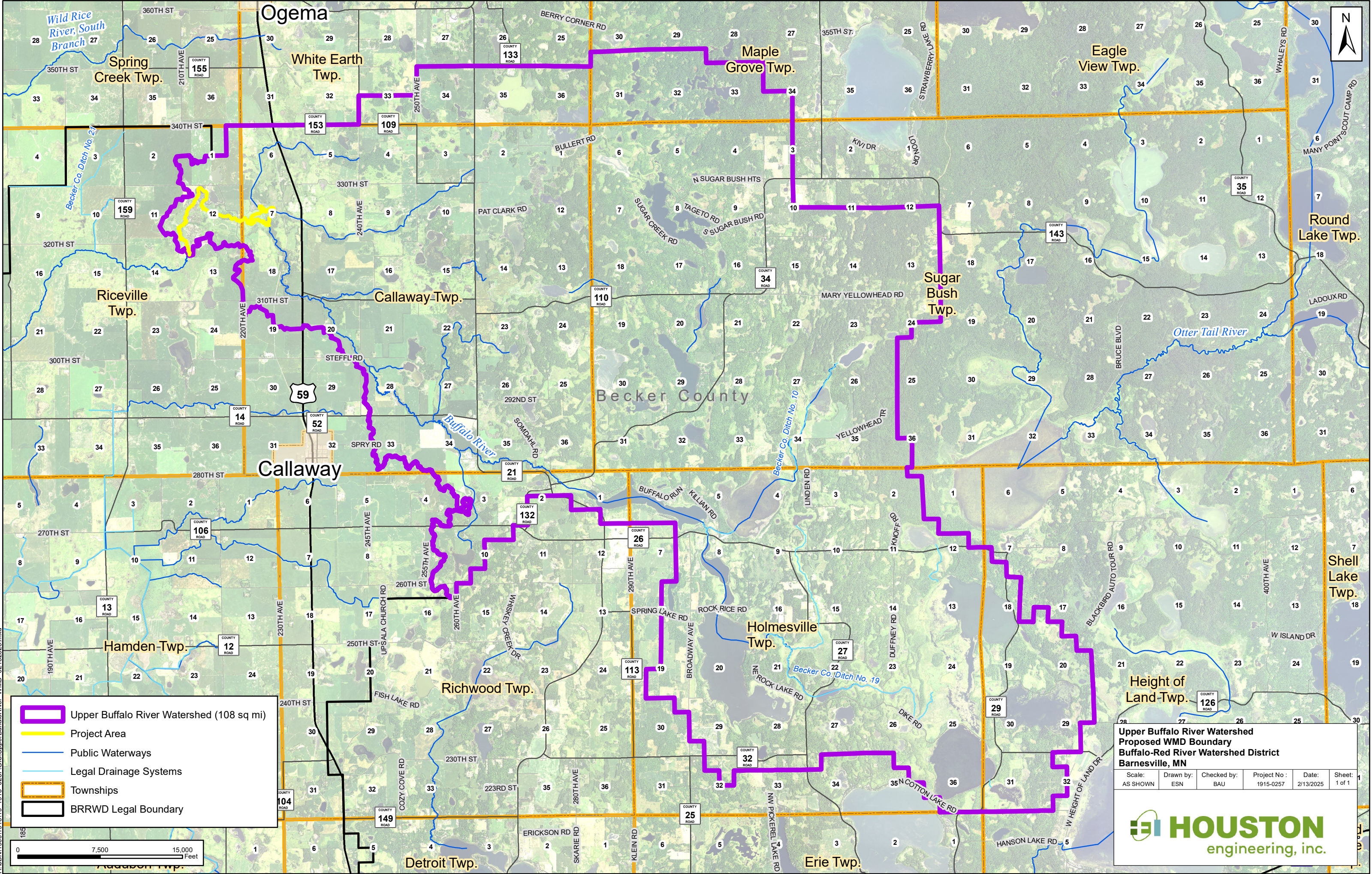
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- Upper Buffalo River Watershed (108 sq mi)
- Project Area
- Public Waterways
- Legal Drainage Systems
- Townships
- BRRWD Legal Boundary

**Upper Buffalo River Watershed
Proposed WMD Boundary
Buffalo-Red River Watershed District
Barnesville, MN**

Scale: AS SHOWN	Drawn by: ESN	Checked by: BAU	Project No : 1915-0257	Date: 2/13/2025	Sheet: 1 of 1
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