

## Casey Willis

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**From:** Casey Willis  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2014 11:15 AM  
**To:** 'Halstead, Daniel K.'  
**Subject:** RE: Golden Valley WMA

Daniel, I think we can accommodate that setback. Thanks for the feedback.

Casey

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**From:** Halstead, Daniel K. [<mailto:dkhalstead@nd.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2014 10:13 AM  
**To:** Casey Willis  
**Subject:** RE: Golden Valley WMA

Casey: Our department recommendation for any towers over 199 feet is that they should be a minimum of 0.5 miles from our WMAs to significantly reduce impacts to the area. Our folks in the Conservation/Communication Division work with the placement recommendations a lot more than me, so if you want to visit with them, let me know and I can get you their contact information.

I understand there are many factors you must consider in your placement. Based on our department recommendation, I would think your proposed setback is somewhat close to our WMA and I hope that you can increase that distance some. Please keep me in the loop on what you decide. If you need us to send you an "official" letter with our recommendations, let me know.

Sincerely,

### Dan Halstead

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**From:** Casey Willis [<mailto:cwillis@infinitywind.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014 5:39 PM  
**To:** Halstead, Daniel K.  
**Subject:** RE: Golden Valley WMA

Hi Daniel, I had asked you about the Golden Valley WMA up in Mercer County toward the end of last year. Based on how that area is presently being used, we factored in a setback from the edge of the property line of 1.1 times the tip height of our turbine at a minimum. That's about 500 feet from the property line boundaries. Does that distance sound adequate based on the recreational uses that occur in that parcel?

Casey

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**From:** Halstead, Daniel K. [<mailto:dkhalstead@nd.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 26, 2013 7:35 AM  
**To:** Casey Willis  
**Subject:** Golden Valley WMA

Casey: The area you are talking about is Golden Valley WMA. It is managed by the Game and Fish Department for Wildlife Habitat and Public Hunting. It is also open for other compatible uses such as bird watching, hiking, trapping, etc. Hope that is the information you are looking for.

Dan

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