



COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION



National Wildlife Refuge System

Refuge Name:

Address:

Attn: (Refuge Official)

E-Mail:

Phone #:

For Official Use Only:

Approved Permit #:

Station #:

Permit Term: from to

Note: We do not require all information for each use. See instructions at the end of the notice and contact the refuge to determine applicability of a particular item.

1a) Identify the type of Permit you are applying for: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Modification ☐ Other ☐

1b) Have you applied, or do you intend to apply, to any other refuges for this same activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

1c) If yes, which refuges?

Applicant Information

2) Full Name: 3) Title:

4) Business Name:

5) Physical Address:

City/State/Zip:

6) Mailing Address: (if different than above)

City/State/Zip:

7) Business Phone #: 8) Business Fax #:

9) E-mail: 10) Business Tax ID #:

11a) Within the past 5 years, has the company (entity) , its owners, or any employees who have or will be expected to operate on the refuge, been convicted, pled nolo contendere, forfeited collateral, or are currently under charges for any violations of any State, Federal, or local law, or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11b) If you answered "YES" to question #11a, provide the individual's name, date of charge, charge(s), location of incident, court, and action taken for each violation.

Grazing Bid Package Information

Tract Location: Dickcissel WPA - T98N, R28W (Ramsey township), W1/2NW1/4 Section 29
(Approximately 75 acres) **UTM:** 403835 4792606

Year: 2023

Bid Format: \$/AUM

Target AUM: 65 AUM

Grazing Period: May 10, 2023 – July 10, 2023 (62 day grazing period)

Stocking Rate: 31 Animal Units as defined below (e.g. 25 cow/calf pairs)

Animal Unit Defined as follows:

- Mature cow – 1.0
- Cow/calf pair – 1.2
- Yearling (9-18 months) – 0.7
- Weaner calf – 0.5
- Bull – 1.5

Fence Status: Good boundary fence in place (3 strand high tensile). Cooperator is responsible for supplying a power source for an electric fence.

The cooperator will need to construct temporary cattle exclusion fences around all three dikes on the property (See attached map). The cooperator will remove these temporary fences after removing the cattle at the end of the grazing period.

Gates: Two existing. Gate locations are shown on attached map.

Water source: This tract of land contains wetlands that may serve as a water source. If the wetlands are dry, the cooperator will need to haul water to this site. Watering will occur at a location agreed to with the Refuge Manager.

Tract Map: Attached

Grazing Special Conditions

- 1) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reserves the right to modify or terminate the Special Use Permit (SUP) if habitat conditions warrant.
- 2) Use of minerals (salt or protein) will be allowed. Permittee must provide product labeling to the Refuge Manager for approval prior to use. Minerals must be in a container that minimizes spillage and are easily moved and placed as required by the Refuge Manager.
- 3) All liability relating to livestock and livestock management to include all persons working for the permittee, whether related, hired or as a partner is strictly that of the permittee as listed on the SUP.

The permittee must have/acquire liability insurance that covers the livestock being grazed on Service Lands. A copy of the liability insurance must be provided to the Refuge Manager.

4) The permittee must be in compliance with the respective state and local livestock health regulations.

5) All equipment for grazing and fence construction/maintenance, including ATVs and UTVs, must be clean and free of invasive plant material including seeds before entering any Refuge, Waterfowl Production Area (WPA), or Service easement. The Refuge Manager reserves the right to inspect and deny the use of any equipment/vehicle/horse etc. that appears to contain invasive species plant material or seeds.

6) The permittee will not use any pesticides (includes insecticides, herbicides and fungicides) on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands.

7) Any livestock management action including branding or dehorning on Service land must be approved by the Refuge Manager.

8) Subletting is not allowed. As approved by the Refuge Manager, partnering with another rancher will be allowed should the number of livestock needed to achieve the desired outcome not be obtainable by a single rancher. If partnering is allowed, the initial permittee will be solely responsible for the total payment, management, liability and all special conditions of the permit.

9) Fence maintenance is the responsibility of the permittee. Any permanent fence constructed on National Wildlife Refuge System lands will become property of the Service.

10) Livestock watering will generally be provided via existing wetlands. During dry periods when wetlands do not contain water, supplemental watering will be allowed. Any methods and locations of supplemental watering on Service lands must be approved by the Refuge Manager.

11) The permittee must notify the Refuge Manager of deceased livestock. Deceased livestock must be removed from Service lands within 48 hours of discovery unless other arrangements have been approved by the Refuge Manager.

12) Supplemental feeding is not permitted on the unit.

13) Cooperators will report cattle numbers (with age/sex information) and dates in and out to the Refuge Manager on the attached grazing calculation worksheet.

14) Permittee will remove all personal property (mineral block container, etc) at the end of the grazing period.

Dickcissel WPA - North Graze Unit
Ramsey Township (T98N, R28W), Section 29
Approximately 75 Acres



APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name (Proposal Submitter): _____

Partner Name (if applicable): _____

Name of Business or Farm: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Tax ID #: _____ Phone Number: _____ ☐ Work ☐ Cell

E-mail Address: _____

BID INFORMATION:

*Unit Name: **Dickcissel WPA**, W1/2NW1/4 of section 29, T98N, R28W (Approximately 75 acres). Write your bid for this tract below and place in sealed envelope labeled "Grazing". Mail to or drop off bid at Union Slough NWR 1710 360th Street Titonka, IA 50480. Call the Union Slough NWR office at (515) 928-2523 extension 14 to make an appointment before stopping at the office to drop off the bid. Bids are due at the Union Slough NWR office by 4:00pm on February 15, 2023.*

I bid \$_____ per Animal Unit Month (AUM)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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13) Cooperators will report to Refuge Manager when cattle are put on and taken off the area (date, numbers, and age/sex information).

14) Permittee will remove all personal property (mineral block container, etc) at the end of the grazing period.

I have read and, if selected, agree to the permit conditions listed in the bid package. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bidders Signature: _____

Date: _____