



United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer to:
FWS/R6/LL Grazing

Dear *Applicant*,

The USFWS established a new policy for awarding Cooperative Agreements (CAA) in 2018 as a result of legal challenges. The new policy requires an open, transparent, and competitive process for awarding CAA's. We successfully implemented this policy for the past four grazing seasons and are again using it for 2023 grazing.

If you are interested in applying for a grazing permit, you must return the application(s) to the Long Lake NWR by March 7, 2023. Cooperators will be selected based on answers provided within the application. Applicants who receive the highest score for a particular unit will be awarded a Special Use Permit. Grazing rates and deductions will be determined similar to previous years, i.e. deductions are given for temporary fencing, boundary fence repair, etc. Please be advised, falsifying information on the ranking application will result in forfeiture of the application.

Another change that began in 2018 and will continue, is each cooperator will be limited to grazing a total of two units or 750 acres grazed maximum per year, whichever comes first. The only exception to this will be if no other applications for a unit are received, at which time an applicant who has already applied for and received two units will be eligible for additional unit(s). If you have grazed on more than two units in the past, please rank the units in your order of preference. If no other applications are received for the remaining units, we will contact you after March 7, 2023. ***Please note: Individual applications are required for each unit.***

All applications must be returned to the Long Lake NWR by March 7, 2023 to be considered. Cooperators will be selected for each unit beginning March 8, 2023 and all applicants will be notified of their application status by March 10, 2023.

Color maps of units may be found on our website: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/long_lake/