

News Release



Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge
1710 360th Street
Titonka, IA 50480

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 26, 2023

Contact:

Refuge Staff at 515-928-2523

Union Slough NWR Taking Bids for Grazing Opportunities

Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge is soliciting sealed bids for grazing on four tracts of land to be grazed (1 tract in 2023 and 3 tracts in 2024). Tracts are located in Kossuth County as follows: German Township - Section 8 (40 acres), German Township – Section 8 (72 acres), Buffalo Township – Section 15 (77 acres) and Harrison Township - Section 36 (140 acres). A separate bid opening will be held for each tract. All tracts of land are fenced, but may need some maintenance/repairs before grazing occurs. All costs associated with fence maintenance will be the responsibility of the successful bidder (materials will be supplied by Union Slough NWR). All grazing bids will need to account for any costs associated with fence maintenance. Stocking rates, grazing period and exact grazing boundaries can be discussed by contacting Union Slough NWR.

Bidders must place bids on forms provided by the Refuge and submit them in a sealed envelope labeled “Union Slough Grazing.” Bid forms and maps are available at the refuge headquarters by appointment only and on the Union Slough NWR website at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/union_slough/. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Bid forms must be received at the refuge headquarters by 4:00pm on Monday, August 21, 2023 to be eligible. The bid opening will take place at the refuge headquarters on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 9AM. Bidders will be contacted by phone with the results. The refuge headquarters is located 6 miles east of Bancroft, Iowa on County Road A-42. Please call (515) 928-2523 extension 14 with any questions.

For more information on the Midwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service visit <http://midwest.fws.gov>.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals, and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.

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Grazing Bid Package Information

Tract Location: Copp Prairie WPA (SE Graze Unit) – T98N, R27W (German Township), SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 8 (approximately 40 acres)

UTM: 414719 4797560

Year: 2023

Bid Format: \$/AUM

Target AUM: 40 AUM

Target Grazing Period: August 31, 2023 – October 15, 2023 (46 grazing days)

Stocking Rate: 27 Animal Units as defined below (for example – 22 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 fence in place (2 strand high tensile). Cooperator is responsible for supplying a power source for an electric fence.

Gates: One existing entry gate as shown on attached map.

Water Source: 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. All water tanks and any other miscellaneous items must be removed from the property within one week from when the cattle are removed.

Location 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.

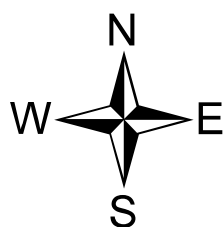
- 4) The permittee must be in compliance with the respective state and local livestock health regulations.
- 5) All equipment for grazing and fence construction/maintenance, including ATVs and UTVs, must be clean and free of invasive plant material including seeds before entering any Refuge, Waterfowl 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.
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- 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 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.

Copp Prairie WPA - SE Graze Unit

Kossuth County

German Township (T98N, R27W), Section 8

Approximately 40 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: **Copp Prairie WPA (Southeast Graze Unit) – SE1/4NE1/4** of section 8, T98N, R27W (Approximately 40 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 August 21, 2023.*

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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- 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 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: _____

Grazing Bid Package Information

Tract Location: Bison WPA (Hoover Tract) – T97N, R27W (Buffalo Township), N ½ SW ¼ of Section 15 (approximately 77 acres)

UTM: 416748 4785562

Year: 2024

Bid Format: \$/AUM

Target AUM: 60 AUM

Target Grazing Period: May 15, 2024 – July 1, 2024 (48 grazing days)

Stocking Rate: 38 Animal Units as defined below (for example – 32 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: Fence in place (2 strand high tensile) is generally in good condition but has some wire down that will need maintenance. Cooperator is responsible for all fence maintenance (US Fish and Wildlife Service will provide materials). The cooperator is also responsible for supplying a power source for the electric fence.

Gates: One existing. Gate location is shown on attached map

Water Source: 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. All water tanks and any other miscellaneous items must be removed from the property within one week from when the cattle are removed.

Location Map: Attached

Grazing Special Conditions

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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.

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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.

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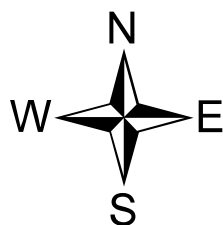
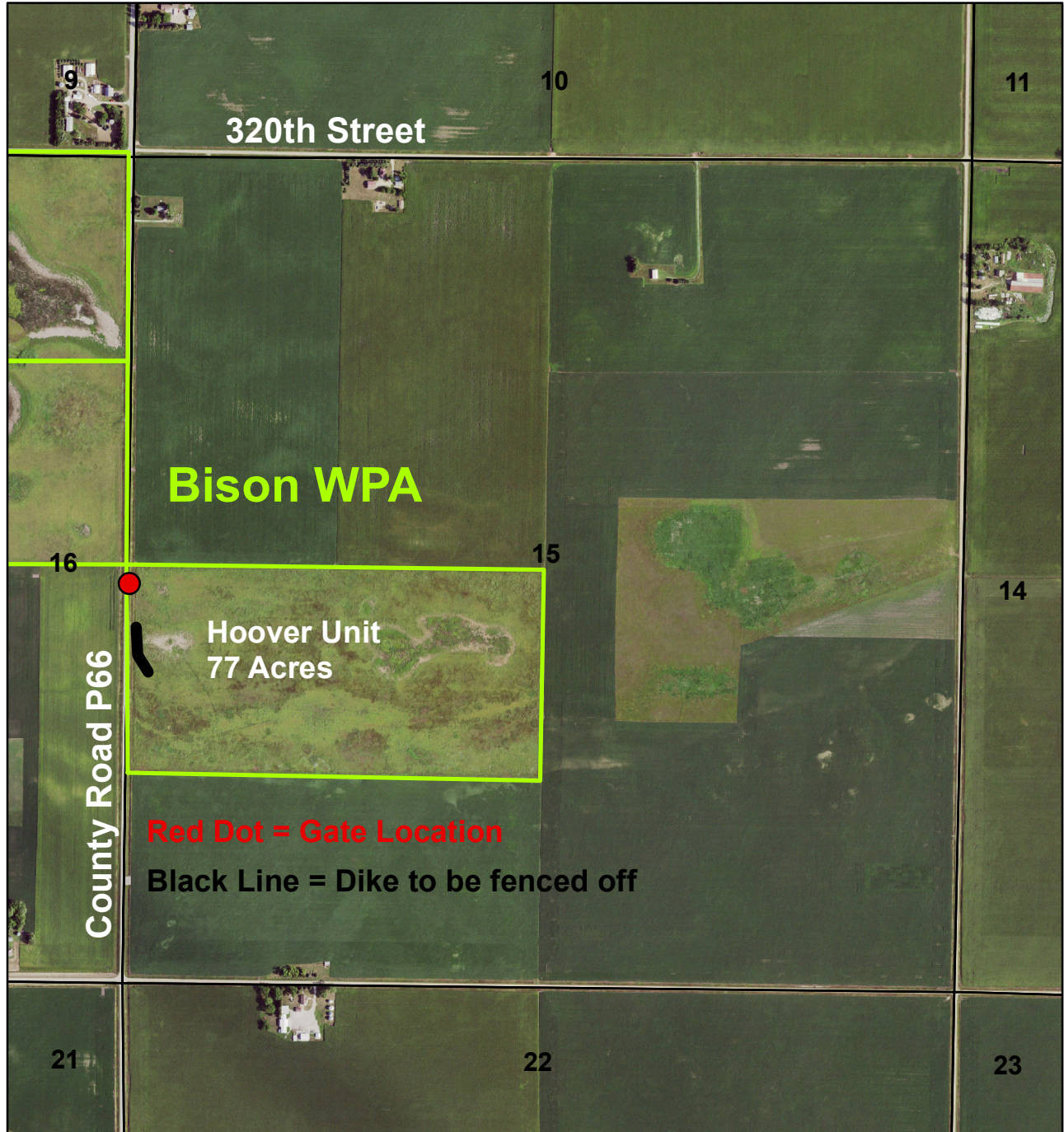
11) The permittee must notify the Refuge Manager of deceased livestock. Deceased livestock must be removed from Service lands within 48 hours of discovery unless other arrangements have been approved by the Refuge Manager.

12) Supplemental feeding is not permitted on the unit.

13) Cooperators will report 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.

Bison WPA - Hoover Graze Unit
Kossuth County
Buffalo Township (T97N, R27W), Section 15
Approximately 77 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: **Bison WPA (Hoover Tract) – N1/2SW1/4 of section 15, T97N, R27W (Approximately 77 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 August 21, 2023.***

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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- 12) Supplemental feeding is not permitted on the unit.
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- 14) Permittee will remove all personal property (mineral block container, etc) at the end of the grazing period.

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Bidders Signature: _____

Date: _____

Grazing Bid Package Information

Tract Location: Copp Prairie WPA (NW Graze Unit) - T98N, R27W (German township), NE1/4NW1/4 and NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 8 (Approximately 72 acres)

UTM: 414119 4797554

Year: 2024

Bid Format: \$/AUM

Target AUM: 50 AUM

Target Grazing Period: May 25, 2024 - July 10, 2024 (47 grazing days)

Stocking Rate: 32 Animal Units as defined below (e.g. 26 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 fence in place (2 strand high tensile). Cooperator is responsible for supplying a power source for an electric fence. The cooperator will need to construct a temporary cattle exclusion fence around one dike located in the NW graze unit. The cooperator will remove this temporary fence after removing the cattle at the end of the grazing period.

Gates: One entry gate existing. Gate location shown on attached map.

Water source: The northwest graze unit contains wetlands that may serve as water sources. 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

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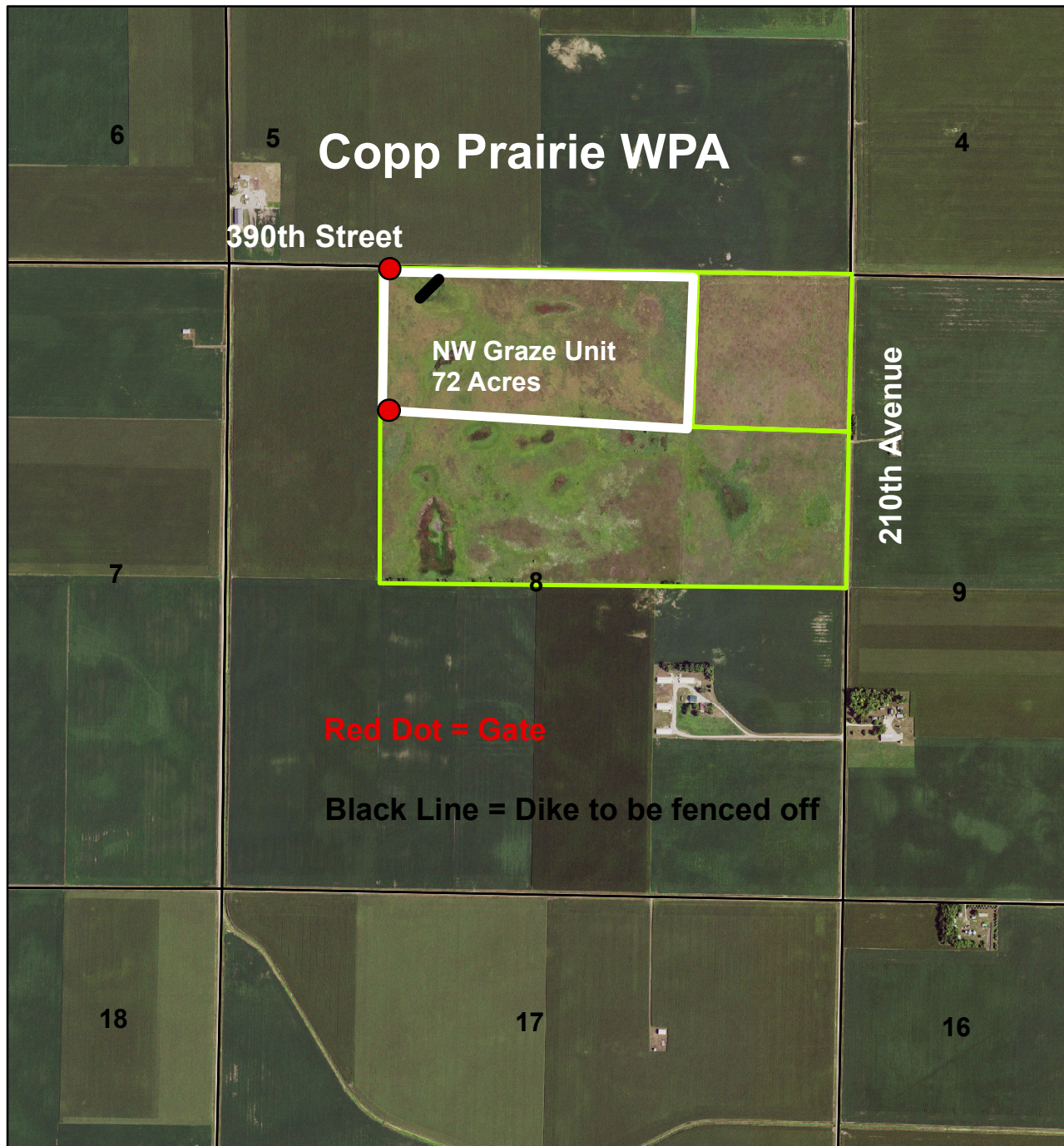
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Copp Prairie WPA - NW Graze Unit
Kossuth County
German Township (T98N, R27W), Section 8
Approximately 72 Acres



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: **Copp Prairie WPA (Northwest Graze Unit) - NE1/4NW1/4 and NW1/4NE1/4 of section 8, T98N, R27W (Approximately 72 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 August 21, 2023.***

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Bidders Signature: _____

Date: _____

Grazing Bid Package Information

Tract Location: Mallard WPA - T99N, R29W (Harrison township), portion of NE1/4 Section 36 (approximately 140 acres)

UTM: 401710 4800694

Year: 2024

Bid Format: \$/AUM

Target AUM: 100 AUM

Grazing Period: April 20, 2024 – May 31, 2024 (42 day grazing period)

Stocking Rate: 72 Animal Units as defined below (e.g. 60 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 fence in place (3 strand high tensile). Cooperator is responsible for supplying a power source for an electric fence.

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

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

Potential Conflict: There is a potential project that may occur on this tract of land that may force the grazing to be cancelled. It is possible, but not likely, that this project will occur during the grazing period. All attempts will be made to avoid this conflict, but if it happens, the grazing cooperator will be given 3 weeks advance notice that the grazing is cancelled.

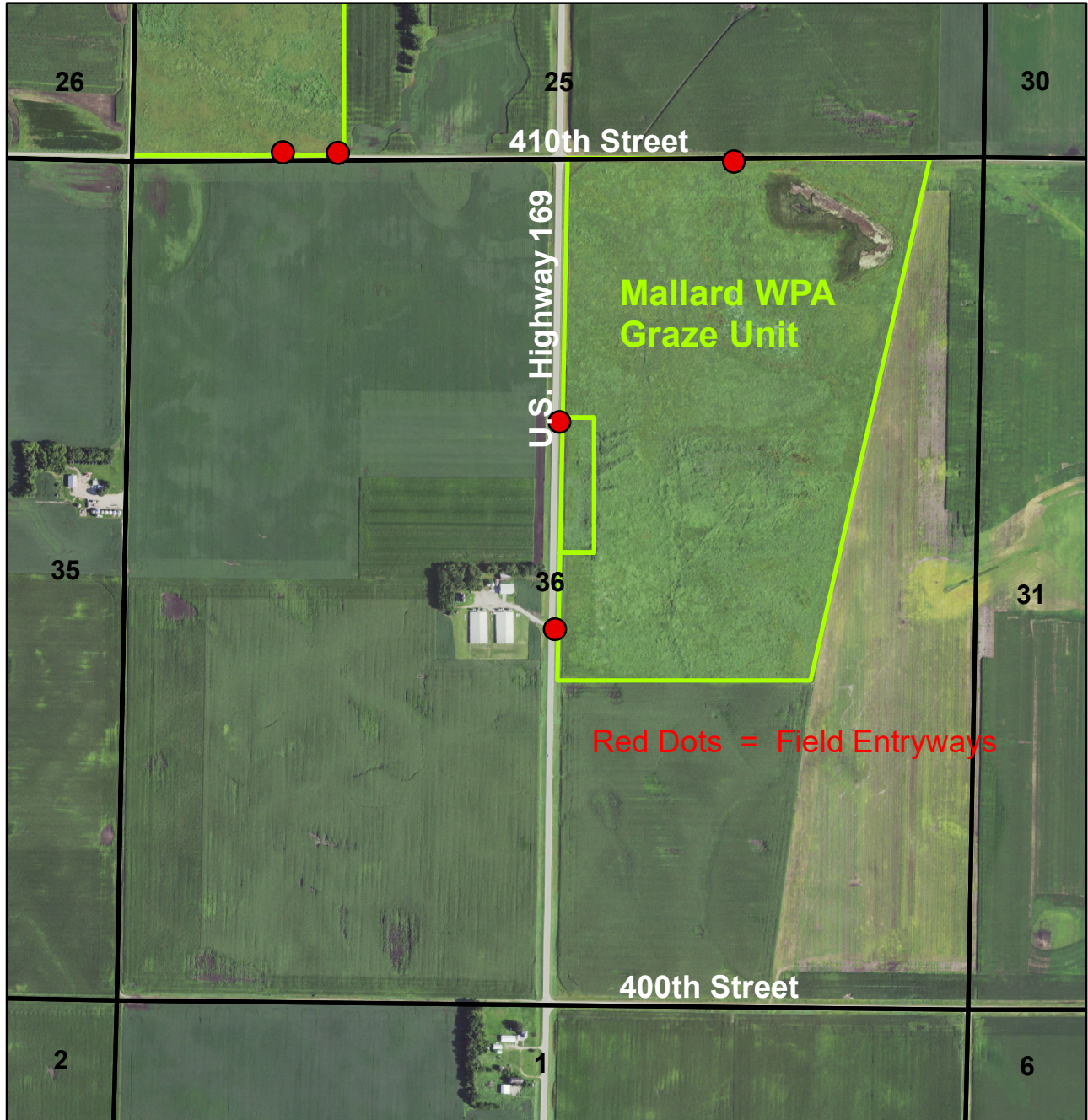
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Mallard WPA - Vicinity Map
Kossuth County, Iowa
Harrison Township (T99N, R29W), Section 36
141 Acres



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BID INFORMATION:

Unit Name: Mallard WPA – NE1/4 of section 36, T99N, R29W (Approximately 140 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 August 21, 2023.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 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 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: _____