



Grazing Map- Krause WPA



0 0.15 0.3 Miles 0.6



Legend

- Gates and Access
- Const Materials**
- Barbed Wire-4 STR
- Posts for Electric
- Private: Need Permission
- Grazing Unit
- WPA Boundary
- Sections

- Grazing Unit Total: 60 Acres
- You will need to put up tensile
- Agreement: 4 Years 2024-2027
- Minimum Bid: \$15
- Bid sheet due March 25th, 2024

Special Terms and Conditions for Livestock Grazing on Krause Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) 2024-2027

1. Description of age classes: Animal Unit/Month (AUM) conversion factors for cow/calf pairs, yearlings (heifers), and bulls will be determined by the Regional Office in Denver, Colorado.

2. Grazing Length: The contract will begin in 2024 and go through 2027 (4 years). The Krause WPA has a total of 60 grazable acres. The length of grazing may change from year to year. The number of livestock and precipitation levels will determine length of grazing in each pasture during the year. Failure to remove livestock within the specified dates maybe a cause for termination of the permit.

To get a better estimate of the approximate length of time contact Marissa Kirby at (701)840-3327 or email Marissa_Kirby@fws.gov with your number of cattle and she can provide an approximate length of time range.

3. Fencing: The boundary fence is approximately 6,800 ft. of barbed wire 4-strand fence. Approximately 1,400 ft. of tensile needs to be put up. T-posts are along area for tensile. Notice on the map that some of the t-posts go onto private land and would need permission, or you could put fence along the WPA boundary. Enough fence needs to be put up to keep cows from getting out of the grazing unit.

All repairs and upgrades to the boundary fence become property of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The permittee will supply all labor to repair permanent boundary fence. Additional fencing may be needed from year to year due to degradation by weather or other animals. Labor and material costs should be figured into the permittees bid for grazing. All temporary fencing materials needed to contain livestock on agreed upon units will be supplied and erected by the permittee. All fences must be adequate to keep cattle in the unit. All temporary fencing materials must be removed after contract is over. All fences, gates or other WPA structures or facilities damaged or altered must be repaired, restored, or replaced per Unit Manager's specifications.

4. Unit Management: This unit has been rested for 2 years and is a combination of smooth brome and native grasses. The grazing system will be a continuous graze of the whole pasture. The grass utilization will be at a moderate to full class where 40%-60% of the current year's growth gets grazed down. To get to the desired outcome a minimum of 20 animal units (AUs) or 17 cow/calf pairs are needed.

5. Watering Livestock: Permittee may use existing slough water on site or bring in water at their expense.

6. Notification of Cattle Moves: Unit Manager will provide permittee with cattle entry and removal dates for the grazing units. The first year of the agreement the livestock will be on the unit no later than June 15th, this is to allow time to fix the fence. For the rest of the agreement livestock will go on the unit middle to end of May, weather permitting.

7. Payment: The USFWS will provide a detailed bill. Permittee will pay 75% to the Valley City WMD to go toward habitat improvement projects such as seed, fencing projects, etc. The other 25% will be paid to the Regional Office. Permittee must pay their bill on an annual basis and before the date provided on the bill. Failure to do so will result termination of the contract.

8. Subleasing: No leasing is permitted. Subleasing will result in revocation of the Special Use Permit. Permittee must own their cows. Documentation may be requested by district staff.

9. Off Road Travel: Off road travel is normally not allowed. Use of trucks, tractors, or other large vehicles for driving or gathering cattle is not permitted. Horses and ATV's may be used for moving and checking cattle and/or the checking and repair of fences. Trucks can only be used in emergency situations with FWS staff approval.

10. Insurance: Permittee must insure cattle. USFWS is not liable for any loss, stolen, killed, or injured cattle.

11. Pesticide Usage: Dust bags, oilers, or other insecticide treatment or sprays may not be used on the WPA. Treated ear tags may be used.

12. Other Chemicals: Application of herbicide, fungicide or insecticide on the Waterfowl Production Area by the permittee is prohibited.

13. Supplemental Feeding: Supplemental feeding may be allowed in a grazing unit, only with prior authorization by the manager. The small supplemental feeders contain mineral blocks and can easily be moved by hand as needed to reduce soil erosion caused by the heavy animal impact. All supplemental feeding devices must be removed from the grazing unit within 30 days of the cattle removal. Any devices left after this date will be disposed of by refuge staff.

14. Control and Care of Cattle: Permittee is responsible for maintaining control of their cattle and preventing damage to any neighboring property. Permittee is also responsible for care of their cattle. Refuge personnel will not assist with fence building, watering, and herding or gathering stray animals. Permittee is responsible for maintaining insurance in case of damage to other private lands.

15. State Livestock Laws: The permittee will be required to comply with all North Dakota state livestock laws.

16. Padlocks: If locks on gates are needed, the refuge must provide the locks and keys for the gates.

17. Permit Compliance: Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may result in forfeiture of future cooperative agriculture opportunities or additional fees. Failure to remove cattle after request by Unit Manager may lead to a penalty fee of \$1.00 per head/per day. If circumstances arise that prevent the permittee to complying with permit conditions, the permittee must provide notice to staff in advance.