

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of Waterfowl Production Area and Rank*: _____ Rank _____

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(*If you are applying for multiple WPAs please rank your preferences- 1 being the highest, 2 being the second highest)

Grazing rate fee per AUM: \$34 (qualifying deductions may apply)

Competitive Ranking Factors

Please check Yes or No to the following questions and return with the application.

Have you ever been involved with the planning and/or grazing management on this unit?

Yes _____ No _____

- If not, have you ever been in involved with the planning and/or grazing management on Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge or WPA within Sand Lake Wetland Management District (WMD)?

Yes _____ No _____

- Have you ever been involved with the planning and/or grazing management of any Refuge or WPA in the Dakotas? Year Grazed?

Yes _____ No _____ Year _____

Have you ever had grazing privileges revoked by the USFWS?

- If yes, please explain when privileges were revoked and the circumstances that lead to privileges being revoked.

Yes _____ No _____ Year _____

What is the approximate distance from land you own or rent from the WPA?

**Please check what best described the closest parcel of land you own or lease:*

- Shared boundary with the grazing unit being offered _____
- 1 to 3 miles from the grazing unit being offered _____
- 4 to 10 miles from the grazing unit being offered _____
- >11 miles from the grazing unit being offered _____

Required: What is the location of the nearest pastureland you own or rent?

Township _____ Range _____ Section _____ Quarter _____

Are you willing to maintain fences and remove temporary fence?

Yes ____ No ____

Are you willing to do significant quality repairs to permanent fences?

Yes ____ No ____

Are you willing to provide water to grazing unit that may not have a reliable water source?

Yes ____ No ____

Are you able to respond to an animal or infrastructure emergency within 2 hours (e.g., cattle outside unit)?

Yes ____ No ____

Do you have the number of available livestock available for this unit that is required in the grazing plan?

Yes ____ No ____

Can you demonstrate that you have implemented a rotational grazing program in the past on your own or rented land?

Yes ____ No ____

Are you willing to communicate with USFWS Service management staff before and during the grazing period? Additionally, are you willing to adhere to prescribed grazing management practices based on vegetation utilization, which may vary from year to year?

**Examples of prescribed grazing practices are rotating cattle in a timely manner as directed, grazing during time periods determined in the plan or operations, and grazing the number of days specified by the manager.*

Yes ____ No ____

Are you able to mow the ROW adjacent to maintained county or township road as well as any WPA parking areas as requested by the USFWS?

Yes ____ No ____

Qualifying Deductions with verification-

- Deductible expenses may be the cost of materials, labor, equipment, or infrastructure necessary to implement practices within the management unit e.g., fixing existing boundary fence
- Grass and forb seed
- Fencing materials, fence removal/construction including the installation and removal of electric fence
- Hauling and pumping water
- Livestock watering infrastructure maintenance, repair, or installation
- Livestock rotations and transportation as directed by the annual Plan of Operations
- Onsite livestock herder(s)

I certify that all information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge and I meet all qualifying standards for this application. I further understand that selection as a permittee is not a guarantee of grazing rights on waterfowl production areas and can be cancelled by either party with 45 days' notice if either party is not carrying out their roles and responsibilities of the agreement.

Printed Name

Signature

Date