



Commercial Activities Special Use Permit Application

OMB Control Number 1018-0102
Expiration Date: 06/30/2017

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Refuge Name: Elk Lake - Orwig tract

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.

1) Identify the type of Permit you are applying for:

New

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Renewal

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Modification

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Other

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Applicant Information

2) Full Name:

3) Title:

4) Business Name:

5) Street Address:

6) 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.

12) List known assistants/subcontractors/subpermittees: (Only required if the assistants/subcontractors/subpermittees will be operating on the refuge without the permittee being present.)

Name	Address	Phone #

2026 Grazing Plan
Lease # 8311-1C-01-20261

Elk Lake
Clay County, T95N/R35W/Sec 1

Orwig WPA
FSA# 6109
Tract # 11090

Grazing Bid Package Information

COMPLEX:	Elk Lake	TRACT:	Orwig WPA
LEGAL:	T95N/R35W/Sec 1 (Logan TWP)	ACRES:	4.6 ac
YEAR(s):	2026	MAP:	SEE ATTACHED
BID FORMAT:	Total \$ for lease	AUM:	12.0 AUM

Target Grazing Period: April 15 to June 15 (62 grazing days/2.0 months)

Stocking Rate: 6 Animal Units as defined below (for example – 5 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:

Boundary Fence: No boundary fence is in place. Tenant will be required to install a temporary electric fence capable of keeping cattle on the pasture. Metal posts will be provided. Successful bidder must have access to 110-volt outlet to power fence energizer.

Gates: No gates are present on site

Water Source: Livestock watering will be provided through a supplemental water source provided and maintained by the successful bidder.

Forage Types: The site consists of reed canary grass.

Grazing Targets:

Plants: Impact community composition by reducing reed canary grass and allowing desirable native wetland plants to express.

Animals: None

Grazing Special Conditions

1) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reserves the right to modify or terminate the Special Use Permit if habitat conditions warrant.

2) Cattle will be purged using corn stalks or other weed free alternative food sources as approved by the Refuge Manager for 2 weeks prior to the described grazing period

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 Special Use Permit. 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, 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 be provided through a supplemental water source provided and maintained by the successful bidder. All water tanks and any other miscellaneous items must be removed from the property within one week from when the cattle are removed.

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.

14) Supplemental feeding is not permitted on the unit.

15) Use of minerals (salt or protein) will NOT be allowed

16) The Service is not responsible for providing alternative pasture if the Special Use Permit is terminated.

Iowa Wetland Management District

Agricultural Bid Sheet

Instructions:

1. Complete this bid sheet and attach (staple) to the Special Use Permit (SUP) Application with page 1 completed of the SUP Application. If you are the winning bidder, you will complete the remaining portions of the Application once the bid is accepted.
2. The bid will be placed with the SUP Application and mailed or turned in by 4:00 pm on February 13, 2026 to:
Iowa DNR – Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit Ruthven
3120 330th Ave
Ruthven, IA 51358
3. You will need to evaluate the bid solicitation for each unit and the cropping plan for each of the next three years, and place your total bid. This will be your competing bid, and highest bid will be awarded. In the event of a tie bid, the winning bidder will be randomly drawn from the tying bidders.

COUNTY	COMPLEX	TRACT	DNR LEASE #
Clay	Elk Lake	Orwig WPA	8311-1C-01-20261
Year 2026	Field #	Acres	Bid Amount
Row Crops			N/A
Small Grains			N/A
Grazing	1	4.6	\$_____
Hay			N/A
Total Bid			\$

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Field 1 - 4.6 ac

Legend

-  Farm Lease
-  Pasture
-  Property Boundary
-  WMA
-  WPA

Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit
IDNR - Wildlife Bureau
For crop year 2026

