



BID SHEET
National Wildlife Refuge System



Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name (Proposal Submitter): _____

Partner Name (if applicable): _____

Name of Business or Farm: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Tax ID #: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

BID INFORMATION:

Grazing rates will be set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System-Region 6 office on an annual basis based on the average grazing fee rates published in the U.S. Department of Agricultural, National Agricultural Statistics Service annual publication of Agricultural Prices.

At the start of each year, the Cooperator will be required to pay a 25% deposit based on forecasted calculations for that calendar year. The deposit must be paid prior to moving cattle onto the Refuge, with the remaining balance due at the end of the year.

The cooperator may be required to purchase materials needed for rangeland improvements in their grazing areas and to make payment for these materials at times earlier than the regular fee payment due date. Once invoices or receipts for materials purchased or for work performed are received, the permittee will receive credit toward their end of season grazing bill. Any materials credited towards receipts becomes property of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge uses cooperative cattle grazing as a management tool to combat invasive weeds with the primary target being Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*). The grazing duration for each unit is forage and weather dependent and can vary significantly. Agricultural cooperators will be required to move their cattle numerous times a year at the direction of Refuge staff. Cattle are typically moved when the percent cover of targeted weed species in a grazing unit reaches 15% or less. The Refuge and cooperator(s) selected must work together to achieve the Refuge's ecological grazing objectives. On an annual basis, the Refuge will decide the prescription rate and areas to be grazed. Grazing areas are determined for that calendar year only and the Cooperator is not guaranteed to graze in the same area every year. The Refuge does not guarantee grazing will be available for the same quantities of cattle each year or within each year. The primary means of containing cattle will be by temporary electric fencing which will be provided and erected by the cooperator.

Describe how your proposed activity(grazing), based on your background, knowledge, and experience, meets the objective criteria by which the Service will evaluate your application as outlined in the Service's notice of the opportunity (Notice).

Please provide you answer below and attach additional sheets if necessary.

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Certification: I hereby certify that 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. I further certify that the information submitted in this bid sheet is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4).

Purpose: To collect the applicant's information to process permits allowing for commercial activities such as: guiding hunters, anglers or other outdoor users; commercial filming; agriculture; rental of cabins and trapping while on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Routine Uses: The information will be used by the refuge's administrative office for processing Commercial Activity Special Use permits. More information about the routine uses maybe found in the Systems of Records Notice, FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits.

Disclosure: Providing the information is voluntary. However, submission of information is required to process and approve commercial activity usage on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is required to obtain or retain a benefit; however, failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the Special Use Permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001). According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this information collection and assigned control number 1018-0102.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

The public reporting burden for this information collection varies based on the requested specific refuge use. We estimate the relevant public reporting burden for the Commercial Activity Special Use Permit Application form to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: AMAD-ARM-PPM, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email to Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed form to this address.