



COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION



National Wildlife Refuge System

Refuge Name:

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.

1a) Identify the type of Permit you are applying for: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Modification ☐ Other ☐

1b) Have you applied, or do you intend to apply, to any other refuges for this same activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

1c) If yes, which refuges?

Applicant Information

2) Full Name: 3) Title:

4) Business Name:

5) Physical Address:

City/State/Zip:

6) Mailing Address: (if different than above)

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.

2023 Grazing Plan
Lease # 8311-1C-1-0008
Agriland # 538

Barringer Slough
Clay County, T96N/R35W/Sec 3

McCluney WPA
FSA# 5404
Tract # 10481

Grazing Bid Package Information

COMPLEX:	Barringer Slough	TRACT:	McCluney WPA
LEGAL:	T96N/R35W/SE ¼ Sec 3 (Freeman TWP)	ACRES:	135 (115 grass)
YEAR(s):	2023	MAP:	SEE ATTACHED
BID FORMAT:	\$/AUM	AUM:	97.2 AUM

Target Grazing Period: April 15 to August 31 (139 grazing days/4.5 months)

Field 1-A: April 15 – August 31

Field 2-A: July 1 – August 31

Stocking Rate: 21.6 Animal Units as defined below (for example – 18 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: High tensile electric perimeter fence has been constructed on site, but is in disrepair. Successful bidder will make necessary repairs to fence prior to livestock being introduced to the site.

Exclusion Fence: An exclusion fence will need to be constructed around a recently repaired dike located near the east/central area of the pasture. The successful bidder will be responsible for constructing a 3 strand high tensile fence around the dike to be protected (location determined by management staff). The State of Iowa will provide an energizer for this small exclusion fence.

Temporary Fence: A single strand electric fence shall be constructed by the successful bidder to divide the pasture into Field 1-A and Field 1-B (see map). Cattle shall have access to Field 1-A from April 15 to June 30. Then the temporary fence shall be removed and cattle shall have access to the entire pasture.

Gates: An access gate is present on the western fence line of the pasture, near the center of the property.

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.

Forage Types: The site consists of reconstructed tallgrass prairie, old hay ground, and wetland plant communities.

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Grazing Targets:

Plants: Impact community composition by reducing grass competition to allow for expression and expansion of forb community. Reduce cattail dominance on wetland edges to allow for open water as well as increased wetland community diversity. Create structural heterogeneity utilizing cattle grazing patterns to increase required habitat for grassland birds, insects, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals.

Animals: Increase nest attempts, successes, and brood raising potential for waterfowl and prairie obligate birds. Increase insect diversity by increasing vigor and abundance of native forb community. Increase basking areas and wetland openings for reptiles and amphibians.

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 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.

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.

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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 15, 2023 to:
Agriland Inc.
905 South Grand Ave
Spencer IA, 51301
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 #	AGRILAND #
Clay	Barringer Slough	McCluney WPA	8311-1C-1-0008	538
Year 2021	Field #	Acres	Unharvested Amount	Bid Amount
Row Crops				N/A
Small Grains				N/A
Grazing	1	97.2 AUM		_____ \$/AUM
Hay				N/A
Total Bid				\$

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