



# United States Department of the Interior



## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge Complex  
12000 353<sup>rd</sup> ST SE  
Moffit, North Dakota 58560

July 5, 2023

Dear Interested Haying Cooperator:

Enclosed you will find a list of Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge Complex units available for haying in the 3 counties of the Long Lake Refuge Complex. Along with this list, we have enclosed a brochure which shows the locations and names of each unit in the Complex. **Contact this office to request an aerial imagery map of those areas you are interested in placing a bid or visit our website at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/long-lake>.** All of the acreages are approximate depending on the amount of water/wet areas on the unit. Exact acreage will be determined after the unit is hayed.

Please review the enclosed 2023 Haying Regulations before bidding on the units. Please notice that haying may not begin until **August 1**. This date allows more late nesting waterfowl species to successfully complete the nesting process and young grassland birds to fledge before haying activities begin. Please pay close attention to other dates including the hay completion date (August 21) and the equipment and bale removal date (September 15). Failure to remove the hay and equipment by September 15 will result in forfeiture of future bidding privileges on haying units, or issuances of a fine and/or both.

Please pay attention to Condition Number 9. Clipping of noxious weeds allows us to reduce the production and spread of noxious weeds while at the same time preparing the sites for a fall herbicide application. These units are marked with an asterisk (\*) on the list of available units. Please mark any new weed species you may find (leafy spurge, yellow toadflax, etc.) on a map and send it in to us.

Please be aware that you may bid on multiple hay units, however, if you are the high bidder on units in which we receive multiple bids, you will be limited to one unit of your choice. If you are the high bidder on one unit and the only bidder on another unit(s), you may hay all units.

**Bids must be received in the office by 4:00 pm on July 24. No PHONE OR EMAIL bids will be accepted. Bids will be opened on July 25 at 8:00 am and winning bidders will be notified the same day.**

If you have any questions regarding the bid process or about any of the units listed, please contact me at (701)387-4397x14.

Sincerely,

Jared Newton  
Station Manager

## 2023 HAYING REGULATIONS LONG LAKE NWR COMPLEX

1. To be eligible to bid, you must be a current livestock operator. Multiple bidders from the same operation are not allowed. Verification may be requested.
2. Haying operations may begin on August 1 unless otherwise noted.
3. Haying operations must be completed by August 21.
4. All bales and equipment must be removed from the unit by September 15. Failure to remove hay and equipment will result in the loss of future bidding privileges and/or a violation notice with a fine.
5. **Hay harvested from the unit must be used in your personal livestock operations and cannot be sold, traded, or given away.**
6. You may bid on multiple units. However, you cannot combine units. If you are the successful bidder on more than one unit in which multiple bids are received, you will be limited to one tract of your choice.
7. If you are the sole bidder on more than one unit, you may reject only one area. You will be financially responsible for all other units for which you were the successful bidder.
8. Acreages are approximate and will vary depending on wetland expansion, noxious weeds, rocky areas, rough areas, and equipment capabilities. **Your bid should reflect the entire unit depicted on the map, not on listed acreages.**
9. **All weedy areas within the specified unit must be cut, baled, and the bales removed from the unit. Exceptions to this are leafy spurge and yellow toadflax. These areas must be cut, but the hay should be left lying.**
10. Vehicle travel to and from the hay areas should be limited to one trail. Do not drive over unmowed areas on the unit. **Make sure you are able to access the unit with your equipment.**
11. Any fences or gates which are altered for access must be repaired/replaced to their original condition. Close all gates when bales are removed from the unit.
12. Excessive haying outside the unit boundaries will result in payment of twice the bid price and revocation of future haying privileges.
13. Payment due for hay will be calculated after the haying has been completed. A bill for collection will be sent to you with directions to make payments.
14. Failure to pay bill will result in loss of future bidding privileges, and you will be subject to late fees and/or Collections.
15. In cases where no bids were received for units, applicants that were interested may be contacted after the bid opening.
16. Minimum bids for hay will be \$15.00/acre. This price is determined based on the three year average hay price listed in the "USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service- North Dakota – County Rents and Values." Prices are adjusted due to August 1-21 haying date; reduced protein value, and above normal litter amounts.

Bids must be received at the Long Lake NWR office by 4:00 pm on July 24. Bids will be accepted by mail or hand delivery, but the bids must be in a sealed envelope. All envelopes must be marked Long Lake Hay Bid.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE  
CANCELLATION OF HAY PERMIT AND FORFEITURE OF FUTURE HAY BIDDING PRIVILEGES.

THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

If you have any questions on the haying units or regulations, please contact us at the address or phone number below:

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# LONG LAKE NWR HAY BID FORM

I have read, understand, and agree to the regulations, conditions, and eligibility requirements for haying privileges and submit this bid accordingly.

Hay Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Hay Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

**(MINIMUM BID: \$ 15.00/ACRE) (The use of dollars and cents per acre will ensure that bids are not tied)**

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Signature	Date
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