United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
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Devils Lake, North Dakota 58301

In Reply Refer to:
Cavalier Grazing Bid Package

January 29, 2021

Dear Cooperator:

We are contacting you as you have indicated an interest in grazing properties managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Devils Lake Wetland Management District (District) known as Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA).

The Devils Lake Wetland Management District is offering, for bid, MULBERRY CREEK WPA in Cavalier County. The cooperator will be selected by high bid. Enclosed you will find bid package for grazing on MULBERRY CREEK WPA as well as a map showing the units to be grazed.

MULBERRY CREEK WPA is broken into two paddocks with the use of temporary fence. Livestock are moved through the paddocks on a set schedule until the entire WPA, or a specific portion of the WPA has been grazed. District staff will work closely with the cooperator to come up with a final grazing plan that works for both parties.

MULBERRY CREEK WPA has a three-strand barbwire exterior fence which is in average condition, installation of 2000 feet of interior cross fence will be required. The cooperator will be responsible for the repair and/or construction of fence needed to contain their livestock. Failure to contain livestock will result in revocation of the Special Use Permit.

The date set for bid opening is March 5th, 2021. Your bid will need to be in this office by close of business March 8th, 2021. Late bids will not be accepted unless there are no other bids. Other special conditions are listed on the enclosed sheet of conditions. Please read these conditions carefully.

***Roadside mowing is required for 1.5 miles of roadside as prescribed by Cavalier County.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions, 701-388-7289 (cell). Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Matt VanThuyne
Refuge Manager

Mulberry Creek Wildlife Development Area

T. 162 N., R. 61 W., Section 5 NE1/4

Legend

USFWS Boundary

Temporary Fence Required

0 0.1 0.2 Miles

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Devils Lake Wetland Management District Grazing Special Conditions

1. To be eligible to bid/graze you must be a current livestock operator.

2. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) reserves the right to modify the grazing period, animal unit months or terminate the Special Use Permit (SUP) if habitat conditions warrant.

3. Failure to contain livestock within grazing unit will result in termination of the Special Use Permit.

4. Supplemental feeding will not be permitted. Use of minerals (salt or protein) will be allowed. Minerals must be in a container that minimizes spillage and is easily moved and placed as required by Service staff. The permittee is required to move salt and mineral every 5 to 7 days to reduce overuse of an area. They must be located away from wetlands and fence corners (> 50'). All salt and minerals must be removed at the end of each grazing period if multi-year permit.

5. 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 SUP. The Permittee must acquire liability insurance that indemnifies and holds the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service harmless from any liability claims associated with the permittee's livestock operation on Service Land. **Proof of insurance will be required before turning livestock into the unit.**

6. The permittee must be in compliance with the respective State and local livestock health regulations.

7. All equipment, including ATVs, UTVs and horses used to gather or inspect livestock must be clean and free of invasive species plant material including seeds, before entering on to Service lands. Service staff reserves the right to inspect and deny the use of any equipment/vehicle/horses etc. that appears to contain invasive species plant material or seeds.

8. With the exception of ear tags, no insecticides may be used on livestock while they are on the WPA. Any insecticide treatments must be applied before the livestock enter refuge lands. The type of treatment must not transfer insecticide to feces.

9. Vaccinations or other treatments must be completed prior to grazing on the WPA. Treatments must be the type that do not transfer chemical to the feces.

10. Any livestock management action, including branding or dehorning, on Service land must be approved by Service staff.

Devils Lake Wetland Management District Grazing Special Conditions

11. Grazing privileges may not be sold, transferred, or sublet, except by transfer to heirs in the event of the death of the cooperator.

12. Fence maintenance is the responsibility of the permittee as identified on the grazing unit map. Any permanent fence constructed on any unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System will become property of the U.S. Fish and WildlifeService.

13. The permittee agrees to furnish, install and maintain temporary fence in order to graze as prescribed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The temporary fence will remain property of the permittee unless it is abandoned. The temporary fence must be removed 14 days after termination of the agreement.

14. Livestock watering will generally be provided via existing wetlands on Service lands. However, the Service cannot guarantee the availability of an adequate water supply for livestock use. If water becomes unavailable, the permittee may have to haul water to the site. Supplemental watering must be approved by Service staff.

12. Deceased livestock must be removed from Service lands within 48 hours of discovery unless other arrangements have been approved by Service staff.

13. The permittee shall not prohibit the general public from entering Service lands or harass/interfere the general public in any way that would distract from their enjoyment of the Service lands whether their livestock are currently grazing in the unit or not.

14. Roadside mowing is required for 1.5 miles of roadside as prescribed by Cavalier County.

15. **Noncompliance with any of the conditions in this Special Use Permit could result in an immediate revocation of the permit by Service staff. Should this permit be revoked there will be NO refunding of any unused portion of this permit. Revocation of Permits will result in forfeiture of any future grazing opportunity.**

2021 GRAZING BID INVITATION FORM

Mulberry Creek WPA Cavalier County, ND; T. 162 N., R. 61 W., Section 5 NE1/4,

~107 upland acres

Total Stocking Rate is estimated to be 80 AUM's based on current grass conditions.

***Boundary Fencing may need repair.

***May require water to be hauled during years of below average precipitation

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1) This unit is available to be grazed for a period of 3 years (2021, 2022, 2023).
    a. Sample Grazing Rotation for 25 c/c pairs and 1 bulls (26.5 AU).
        Cell 1: June 6th – June 26th Cell 2: June 27th – July 29th
        Cell 1: July 30th – August 19th Cell 2: August 20th – September 19th
2) Billing will reflect actual AUM usage.
3) A payment of 25% of total bill is due upon signature of Special Use Permit.
4) Cooperator will be selected based on receipt of sealed high bid per Animal Unit Month (AUM).
5) Minimum bid is $10.00/AUM

Bids are to be at Devils Lake Wetland Management District Headquarters office no later than 3:00 PM Friday, March 5th, 2021. Bids will be received by mail, fax or walk in. Bids will be opened and permittee selected on March 8th, 2021.

2021 GRAZING BID INVITATION FORM

NAME OF BIDDER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

MY BID IS AS FOLLOWS for **Mulberry Creek WPA**

1). Amount bid per AUM is $_____ ($10.00/AUM minimum)

2). Amount of total bid is $_____ (Must equal 80 AUMs x **YOUR BID**)

***(example bid: $10.00/AUM x 80 AUMs = $800.00 total bid)

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SIGNATURE

ADDITIONAL INFO

a. 2021 Devils Lake WMD GRAZING REGULATIONS (see attached)
b. A SPECIAL USE PERMIT will be written for the successful bidder. Signed permits are required before grazing is initiated.
c. Proof of Insurance is required before livestock turn-in.
d. Livestock stocking rate will be computed as follows:
    - 1 Mature Cow (<1,000 lbs)dry= 1 Animal Unit
    - 1 Cow/Calf = 1.2 Animal Units
    - 1 Yearling = 0.7 Animal Units
    - 1 Bull = 1.5 Animal Units

Any combination of the above that equals a total of Animal Units (AU) will be acceptable.

Commercial Activities
Special Use Permit Application

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.

12) List **known** assistants/subcontractors/subpermittees: (Only required if the assistants/subcontractors/subpermittees will be operating on the refuge without the permittee being present. If unknown at time of application we may require this under "special conditions" to permit before approval.)

Name/Business	Address	Phone #

Activity Information:

13a) Choose a Commercial Activity: **Guided Recreation** ◯ **Audio/Visual Recording** ◯ **Recreation Events** ◯ **Cabins** ◯

Transportation Services ◯ **Agricultural Use** ◯ **Marine Salvage/Storage** ◯ **Mineral Lease** ◯ **Other** ◯

13b) Specify Type of Activity if 'Other' was chosen:

Note: Depending on the activity for which you are requesting a permit, we may ask you for the following activity information. Please contact the refuge where the activity is being conducted to determine what information is required.

14) Describe activity by specifically identifying timing (occupancy timeline), frequency, and how the activity is expected to proceed:

15) Specifically identify location(s) and/or attach a map: (GPS location(s) preferred)

16) If drones are necessary, describe why the drone is needed and provide specifics on how it will be used:

17) For Guided Operations estimate number of clients if applicable: Per Day ☐ Per Season ☐

18) Inquire with refuge if Plan of Operation is required. Is a Plan of Operation attached? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A** ☐

19) Inquire with refuge if a trip schedule is required. Is a trip schedule attached? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A** ☐

License/Insurance Coverage/Certification/Permit

Note: Contact the refuge where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if we will require any type of license(s), insurance(s), certification(s), or permit(s). We may process this Special Use Permit while the applicant obtains them.

20) List and attach a copy of any **licenses** you have for equipment operation (i.e., aviation or commercial boats), pesticide application(s), transporters, or others, if required:

License Type	Number	Expiration Date

21) List and attach any **insurance coverage(s)** you have such as general liability, aviation, grounding liability, contaminants applicator, medical evacuation, or others, if required:

Insurance Type	Carrier	Expiration Date

22) List and attach any **certifications** you have such as rat free, hull inspections, CPR/First Aid, or others, if required:

Certificate Type	Expiration Date

23) List and attach other Federal, State, or Tribal **permits,** if required:

Permit Type	Permit Number	Expiration Date

Logistics and Transportation

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.

24a) Does the activity require personnel to stay overnight on the refuge? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯ **N / A** ◯

24b) If yes, list names of personnel involved:

List Names	List Names	List Names	List Names

25) Identify and describe all major equipment/gear and materials needed for activity, if required:

26a) Provide detailed information on the logistics for onsite, intersite, and/or ship-to-shore transportation to or on the refuge, if required**:**

26b) Provide descriptions, license plate and/or identification numbers of vehicles used for onsite transportation, if required:

Vehicle Type	**Plate/I.D./Registration #**	**Vehicle Type**	**Plate/I.D./Registration #**

26c) Provide descriptions, license plate and/or identification numbers of vehicles used for intersite transportation, if required:

Vehicle Type	**Plate/I.D./Registration #**	**Vehicle Type**	**Plate/I.D./Registration #**

26d) Provide descriptions, license plate and/or identification numbers of vehicles used for ship to shore transportation, if required:

Vehicle Type	**Plate/I.D./Registration #**	**Vehicle Type**	**Plate/I.D./Registration #**

27a) Is fuel cache needed? **Yes** ◯ **No** ◯ **N/A** ◯

27b) Specific location(s) of fuel caches: (GPS Coordinates preferred)

28) Is a Safety Plan attached?
Yes ◯ **No** ◯ **N/A** ◯

Work and Living Accommodations

29) Specifically describe onsite work and/or living accommodations, including spike camps:

30) Specifically describe on or offsite hazardous material storage or other on or offsite material storage space: (Including on and offsite fuel caches.)

Sign, date, and print this form and return it to the refuge for processing. By signing this application, I agree my operations will conform to the information I have provided in this application, and I understand that any deviations or changes to this information must receive prior written approval.

31) Signature of Applicant: _____Date of Application:_____

NOTICES

No Members of Congress or Resident Commissioner shall participate in any part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise from it, but this provision shall not pertain to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

The Permittee agrees to be bound by the equal opportunity "nondiscrimination in employment" clause of Executive Order 11246.

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 4 hours 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 Collection Clearance Officer, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. Please do not send your completed form to this address.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1) Responsibility of Permittee: The permittee, by operating on the premises, shall be considered to have accepted these premises with all facilities, fixtures, or improvements in their existing condition as of the date of this permit. At the end of the period specified or upon earlier termination, the permittee shall give up the premises in as good order and condition as when received except for reasonable wear, tear, or damage occurring without fault or negligence. The permittee will fully repay the Service for any and all damage directly or indirectly resulting from negligence or failure on his/her part, and/or the part of anyone of his/her associates, to use reasonable care.

2) Operating Rules and Laws: The permittee shall keep the premises in a neat and orderly condition at all times, and shall comply with all municipal, county, and State laws applicable to the operations under the permit as well as all Federal laws, rules, and regulations governing national wildlife refuges and the area described in this permit. The permittee shall comply with all instructions applicable to this permit issued by the refuge official in charge. The permittee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent the escape of fires and to suppress fires and shall render all reasonable assistance in the suppression of refuge fires.

3) Use Limitations: The permittee's use of the described premises is limited to the purposes herein specified and does not, unless provided for in this permit, allow him/her to restrict other authorized entry onto his/her area; and allows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to carry on whatever activities are necessary for: (1) protection and maintenance of the premises and adjacent lands administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and (2) the management of wildlife and fish using the premises and other U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands.

4) Transfer of Privileges: This permit is not transferable, and no privileges herein mentioned may be sublet or made available to any person or interest not mentioned in this permit. No interest hereunder may accrue through lien or be transferred to a third party without the approval of the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the permit shall not be used for speculative purposes.

5) Compliance: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's failure to require strict compliance with any of this permit's terms, conditions, and requirements shall not constitute a waiver or be considered as a giving up of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's right to thereafter enforce any of the permit's terms or conditions.

6) Conditions of Permit not Fulfilled: If the permittee fails to fulfill any of the conditions and requirements set forth herein, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall retain all money paid under this permit to be used to satisfy as much of the permittee's obligation as possible.

7) Payments: All payment shall be made on or before the due date to the local representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by a postal money order or check made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

8) Termination Policy: At the termination of this permit the permittee shall immediately give up possession to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representative, reserving, however, the rights specified in paragraph 11 below. If he/she fails to do so, he/she will pay the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as liquidated damages, an amount double the rate specified in this permit for the entire time possession is withheld. Upon yielding possession, the permittee will still be allowed to reenter as needed to remove his/her property as stated in paragraph 11 below. The acceptance of any fee for the liquidated damages or any other act of administration relating to the continued tenancy is not to be considered as an affirmation of the permittee's action nor shall it operate as a waiver of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's right to terminate or cancel the permit for the breach of any specified condition or requirement.

9) Revocation Policy: The Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may revoke this permit without notice for noncompliance with the terms hereof, or for violation of general and/or specific laws or regulations governing national wildlife refuges, or for nonuse. It is at all times subject to discretionary revocation by the Director of the Service. Upon such revocation the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, by and through any authorized representative, may take possession of said premises for its own and sole use, and/or may enter and possess the premises as the agent of the permittee and for his/her account.

10) Damages: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall not be responsible for: any loss or damage to property including but not limited to crops, animals, and machinery; injury to the permittee or his/her relatives or to the officers, agents, employees, or any other(s) who are on the premises from instructions; the sufferance from wildlife or employees or representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service carrying out their official responsibilities. The permittee agrees to hold the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service harmless from any and all claims for damages or losses that may arise to be incident to the flooding of the premises resulting from any associated government river and harbor, flood control, reclamation, or Tennessee Valley Authority activity.

11) Removal of Permittee's Property: Upon the expiration or termination of this permit, if all rental charges and/or damage claims due to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been paid, the permittee may, within a reasonable period as stated in the permit or as determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service official in charge, but not to exceed 60 days, remove all structures, machinery, and/or equipment, etc., from the premises for which he/she is responsible. Within this period the permittee also must remove any other of his/her property including his/her acknowledged share of products or crops grown, cut, harvested, stored, or stacked on the premises. Upon failure to remove any of the above items within the aforesaid period, they shall become the property of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

You may complete the application portion verbally, in person, or electronically and submit to the refuge for review. Note: Please read instructions carefully as not all information is required for each activity. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine applicability of a particular item. We may add special conditions or permit stipulations to permit prior to approval.

1a-c) Identify if permit application is for new, renewal, or modification of an existing permit, whether or not you have or will be applying to another refuge for the same activity, and for which refuge(s). Permit renewals may not need all information requested. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine applicability of this requirement.

2-9) Provide applicant and/or business full name, organization or business name (if applicable), physical and mailing address, phone, fax, and e-mail.

10) Provide tax identification number of business or individual.

11a-11b) Check box answering the question regarding any violations of State, Federal, or local law, or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities, if required. If ***you answered yes to question 11a,*** supply the detailed information requested in question 11b. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if we require information on violations of State, Federal, or local law, or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities.

12) Provide the names and addresses of known assistants, subcontractors, or subpermittees. We may require names and address if the assistants, subcontractors, or subpermittees will be operating on the refuge without the permittee being present. Volunteers, assistants, subcontractors, or subpermittees that are accompanied by the permittee need not be identified.

13) Activity type: identify commercial activity type (such as, guided recreation, audio/visual recording, recreational events, agriculture activities such as haying, grazing, crop planting, logging, beekeeping, and other agricultural products, building or occupying cabins, or other commercial uses). Describe other commercial uses if not one of the listed categories. Applicants in Alaska should contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted if you have questions regarding commercial or subsistence activities.

14) Describe Activity: provide detailed information on the activity, including timing and occupancy timeline, frequency, how the activity is expected to proceed, etc. Permit renewals may not need activity descriptions if the activity is unchanged from previous permit. Most repetitive activities do not require an activity description for each visit. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine applicability of this requirement.

15) Location: identify specific location (GPS coordinates preferred) if not at a named facility, and/or attach a map with location. Most repetitive activities may not require identification of a location. In addition, permit renewals may not require a location if the activity is essentially unchanged from the previous permit. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if a location is required.

16) If a drone will be used for this activity, describe in detail why the drone is necessary to complete the activity and provide specifics on how the drone will be used.

17) Estimate number of clients per day or per season.

18) Attach a Plan of Operation, if required. Most repetitive activities do not require a Plan of Operations for each visit. In addition, permit renewals may not require a Plan of Operations if the activity is essentially unchanged from the previous permit. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office listed where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if a Plan of Operations is required.

19) Attach trip schedule, if required. Most repetitive activities will require trip schedules for each visit. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if trip schedules are required.

20) Specifically identify types and numbers of licenses and attach a copy, as required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine the types of licenses required, and to coordinate the simultaneous application for multiple types of licenses. We may process this Special Use Permit while licenses are being sought, but we may or may not issue the Special Use Permit until appropriate licenses are obtained.

21) Specifically identify names, types, carriers of insurance, and attach copies if required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine the types of insurance required, and to coordinate obtaining several types of insurance simultaneously with this permit. We may or may not issue this Special Use Permit while other types of insurance are being obtained.

22) Specifically identify types and numbers of other certifications and attach copies if required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine the types of certifications required, and to coordinate the simultaneous application of multiple certifications. We may or may not issue this Special Use Permit while other certifications are being obtained.

23) Specifically identify types and numbers of other State, Federal or tribal permits and attach copies, if required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine the types of permits required, and to coordinate the simultaneous application of multiple State, Federal or tribal permits. We may process this Special Use Permit while other State, Federal or tribal permits are being sought, but we may or may not issue the Special Use Permit until other appropriate State, Federal or tribal permits are obtained.

24a-24b) Provide name(s) of any personnel required to stay overnight, if applicable.

25) Identify all equipment and materials that will be used, if required. Most repetitive activities do not require a list of equipment. In addition, permit renewals may not require a list of equipment if the event is essentially unchanged from the previous permit. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if a list of equipment is required.

26a-26d) Describe and provide vehicle descriptions and license plate or identification numbers of all vehicles, including boats and airplanes, if required. Motor vehicle descriptions are only required for permittee vehicle, and/or if the vehicle will be operated on the refuge without the permittee being present. Motor vehicles that are accompanied by the permittee as part of a group (convoy) activity need not be identified if cleared in advance by refuge supervisor. Specifically describe ship-to-shore, intersite (between islands, camps, or other sites) and onsite transportation mechanisms, and license plate or identification numbers, if required.

27a-27b) Identify specific location(s) of fuel cache(s) (GPS coordinates preferred), if required.

28a-28b) Attach safety plan if required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if we require a safety plan.

29) Specifically describe onsite work and/or living accommodations, if required. Include descriptions and locations (GPS coordinates preferred) of spike camps or other remote work and/or living accommodations that are not part of the base of operations. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if we require descriptions of on-site work and/or living accommodations.

30) Specifically describe onsite or offsite hazardous material storage, or other material storage space (including on and offsite fuel caches), if required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if we require descriptions of hazardous material storage or other on-site material storage.

31) Print the application (if using the fillable version). Date and sign the application and return to refuge for processing. By signing this application, you agree your operations will conform to the information you have provided in this application, and understand that any deviations or changes to this information must receive prior written approval. The refuge official will review and, if approved, fill out a Special Use Permit, sign, and return a copy to you for signature and acceptance.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF FORM 3-1383-C FOR APPLICATIONS FOR COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURE OPPORTUNITIES ON THE NWRS

14) Describe how your proposed activity, 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 Cooperative Agricultural Opportunity (Notice). In addition, if applicable, please identify how your proposed activity is different from the description of the cooperative agricultural opportunity outlined in the Notice.

18) Does not need to be filled out at time of application. However, this section must be filled out, in coordination with the Service, after the opportunity is awarded and before applicant begins any cooperative agricultural on the NWRS.

Logistics and Transportation

24a-30) Do not need to be filled out at time of application. However, these sections must be filled out, in coordination with the Service, after the opportunity is awarded and before applicant begins any cooperative agricultural on the NWRS.

**THIS APPLICATION FORM IS NOT VALID AS A PERMIT
BUT MAY BE USED AS A REFERENCE DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE OFFICIAL PERMIT.
ONLY OFFICIAL REFUGE PERSONNEL MAY ASSIGN A VALID PERMIT NUMBER AND PERMIT TERM
TO THIS APPLICATION FORM AFTER THE PERMIT HAS BEEN APPROVED.**