

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
2024
PROSPECTUS FOR
CATTLE GRAZING
ON
ALLOTMENT E-12
MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE
ILLINOIS

BID OPENING DATE: April 22, 2024 OPENING TIME: 2:00pm

SUBMIT BIDS TO: PRAIRIE SUPERVISOR
MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS
30239 S STATE ROUTE 53
WILMINGTON, IL 60481

GRAZING PROSPECTUS AND BIDDING INFORMATION

Introduction

The purpose of this prospectus is to provide information to qualified individuals interested in bidding on available cattle grazing allotment administered by the USDA Forest Service Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. The allotment being offered in this prospectus are:

- Allotment E12: Tract 11 Pasture, Tract 12 Pasture, Tract 13 Pasture, Tract 19 Pasture, Tract 214/40 Pasture

It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders carefully read this Prospectus in its entirety, as well as applicable grazing permits, allotment management plans, allotment maintenance requirements, the latest permittee instructions, trail maps and hunting zones. Copies of these documents are available upon request. It is also strongly recommended that prospective bidders conduct their own site inspections and/or attend the public showing(s) when offered prior to submitting a bid.

Please contact **Kelly Gutknecht** (kelly.a.gutknecht@usda.gov) if you have any questions or if you would like to acquire any of the related documents mentioned above.

Terms of Grazing Permits Offered

A Term Grazing Permit will be issued to the qualified high bidder and will authorize grazing of **cattle** within the designated grazing boundaries as described in this prospectus. The **annual grazing season will be restricted to the period of April 1 through November 1** unless otherwise stated in the Term Grazing Permit and in adherence to planned prescribed burning. No grazing will be permitted outside of these dates without prior written approval from an authorized Forest Service representative.

In accordance with FSM 2231.03(1), the Term Grazing Permit resulting from this advertisement will be issued for a 2-year period (Expiring on December 31, 2026). Upon expiration of the Term Grazing Permit issued under this prospectus, a new prospectus will be issued, and the grazing boundaries will again be made available to the public for bidding. The current permit holder will be provided the opportunity to retain their permit through matching the qualified highest bidder as provided for in 36 CFR 222.54 and FSH 2209.13, 81.42(e). Grazing use cannot be authorized during any period of delinquency in payments amount due.

All permits will be issued in accordance with FSM 2200 and the terms and conditions, Parts 1, 2, and 3, of the individual grazing permits.

Minimum Qualifications

To be eligible for a grazing permit, the successful bidder must be a U.S. citizen and **own forty (40) acres of base property** necessary to adequately care for the permitted cattle should it

become necessary to remove them from National Forest lands during the grazing period. * The base property shall have the necessary facilities, such as fences, water, and forage to handle the permitted cattle.

All cattle grazed on National Forest lands must be owned by the permittee as specified in the Permit Application and Bid Form. * All cattle grazed on National Forest System lands will be ear tagged or branded sufficiently to be distinguished from other cattle in the area.

The permittee must possess the ability to adequately care for and control the cattle placed on National Forest System lands.

* To exercise use of this permit, the permittee will furnish all evidence of ownership requested by the Forest Service.

Allotment/Pasture Location and Description

All lands and specified facilities associated with this Prospectus are owned and controlled by the United States and administered by the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The number of cattle is based on Head Months (HM). **A Head Month is the amount of forage necessary for one (1) 1000lb cow for one (1) month.** The **grazing season is for seven (7) months of the year from April 1 to November 1.** The carrying capacity of one acre is two head months. The minimum carrying capacity allowed is ninety percent of the maximum carrying capacity. Stocking rates are predetermined based on forage quality and abundance. Any cattle in excess will be considered trespass. Exceeding maximum carrying capacity more than once is grounds for fines or revocation of permit. The permit holder will have 5 days to remedy the problem.

Should the Forest Service determine excess forage available carrying capacity could increase, which would increase the annual fee of the allotment due to an increase of Head Months (annual fee is based off Head Months, not acres).

Frequent or excessive escapes of cattle due to permittee negligence regarding fence maintenance (such as: gates opened/unlocked, damaged fences, and debris from vegetation/trees along or on fence lines) may be cause for revocation of permit.

Allotment E12

Allotment E12: Tract 11, Tract 12, Tract 13, Tract 19 and Tract 214/40

This offering includes five (5) pastures, a total of 662 acres, suitable for cattle grazing only. The successful bidder will be required to place a personal lock on access gates to allow them access to the permitted pasture. There is no overnight staying within allotments or on Midewin National

Tallgrass Prairie property. It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders attend the scheduled pasture showing prior to bidding.

General Operational Considerations and Requirements will be reoccurring annually and must be met for permit to remain compliant (See section for reference).

Tract 11, Tract 12, Tract 13, Tract 19 and Tract 214/40 Pastures: These pastures are located in the Jackson Township 34 North Range 10 East Sections 35 and 36 in Will County, Illinois. This pasture is accessible from Hoff Road. It is 5 miles from the Midewin Supervisors Office and 5 miles from the town of Elwood. The minimum carrying capacity allowed is ninety percent of the maximum carrying capacity. The maximum carrying capacity for this pasture is 240 cow calf pairs, and the minimum allowance is 216 cow calf pairs. Exceeding stocking rate is subject to fine, more than once is grounds for revocation of permit.

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Watering: Water must be pumped at the bidder's expense, unless otherwise noted. Natural intermittent streams may also be utilized, however riparian grazing is discouraged, and measures (i.e. electric fencing) may be required if excessive resource damage occurs. Riparian protection is a primary concern of the Forest Service, and these resources will be monitored closely. **Tanks for watering cattle are to be furnished by the successful bidder.** Maintenance and service done to existing wells, will be at the permit holder's expense and will be done in conjunction with the Rangeland Management Specialist. No new wells can be added without the approval of the Rangeland Management Specialist, failure to notify and work in conjunction with Specialist can result in fines and/or revocation of permit.

Mineral: Locations for mineral block/mineral supplement placement shall be approved by the Forest Service prior to actual placement.

Corrals: The permittee will be required to furnish their own corral gates for temporary holding pens for catching cattle. The use of temporary holding pens must be closely coordinated with the Forest Service to prevent resource damages. Any locations for temporary holding pen placement shall be approved by the Forest Service prior the actual placement.

Fencing, Fence Maintenance and Locks: Allotment perimeter fencing is predominantly a chain link fence intermixed with a five (5) strand barbed wire fence. Fence maintenance and/or reconstruction has occurred on an as needed basis. Single and/or double gates allow for access throughout the allotment. Maintenance of fencing includes proper functioning gates on hinges and chains with locks. The Forest Service will provide standard locks and keys; **if permittee determines a need to acquire locks exclusive to their allotments, this will be at permittee's**

expense. A key shall be provided to the Forest Service to ensure accessibility by authorized staff. This is public land and open for public use as well as permitted uses.

The permittee will be required to furnish all maintenance on existing fences, including existing chain link fences. Materials **will not be** furnished by the Forest Service. These additional requirements will be **at the expense of the successful bidder** and should be considered part of the operational expenses when submitting a bid. The successful bidder will bear the **full costs** for all materials, labor, and equipment for this work unless specifically stated otherwise in a Fee Credit Agreement.

The prospective bidder is strongly encouraged to inspect the fencing prior to submitting a bid. Frequent and excessive escapes of cattle due to permittee negligence regarding fence maintenance may be cause for revocation of permit.

Allotment Forage Conditions: Allotment pastures are a mix of cool season grasses and forbs. Brush and/or invasive species removal will need to be completed with prior approval from the Range Management Specialist.

Plants that are toxic to cattle have the potential to occur within any grazing allotment. Invasive and/or noxious weeds such as Canada goldenrod, thistle, autumn olive, teasel and multi-flora rose are also a concern. The Forest Service will assist the successful bidder in identifying these plants and may offer some options for control. However, the Forest Service is **NOT** responsible for any injury or losses due to toxic plants.

Fee Credit: Fee Credit is a system for allowing term grazing permit holders to complete required or necessary range improvements that are above and beyond routine pasture management or maintenance in lieu of paying grazing fees. In short, the grazing fee will be reduced by the amount of fee credit work allowed. A Fee Credit Agreement must be developed in writing prior to any work being performed and will become a part of the Term Grazing Permit. Examples of fee credit projects include, but are not limited to: *mowing, new fence construction, installation of new stock watering facilities, access road improvements, and reclamation of pasture from brush encroachment. To qualify for a Fee Credit to be put in place, the Fee Credit must be signed by the Permit Holder and the Prairie Supervisor before the work can begin. Work done outside of the Fee Credit is not eligible and will not be considered credit. Fee Credit will **NOT** be granted for such projects as: routine fence or other structural improvement *maintenance*, range improvements that are for the sole purpose of permittee convenience, or other routine cattle management practices.

*Options for mowing will be done a rotational basis (2-3 years) in conjunction with prescribed burning performed by the Forest Service. No mowing will take place between April 1 to August 15.

General Permit Requirements: (Required of all Term Grazing Permit holders on an annual basis.)

A Bill for Collection will be issued by the Forest Service prior to the start of each grazing season

that specifies the kind, number, and class of cattle, the period of use, the grazing allotment, and the grazing fees. At least 90% of the permitted cattle must be released on the permitted area to validate the grazing permit. All cattle must be marked or tagged as specified in the grazing permit. Color and/or type of ear tag and/or brand, must be specified. **No cattle will be released until the permit is approved, the bill for collection has been paid in full, and notification is received from a Forest Service representative.**

The permittee will manage cattle in accordance with the Allotment Management Plan and all provisions set forth in Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the Term Grazing Permit. An example grazing permit is available upon request.

Conditions of Use: The following acts are prohibited on the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, and are necessary for public health, safety and to protect national forest property.

1. It is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is designated, posted or signed closed. **(36 CFR 261.53F)**
2. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies. **(36 CFR 261.57f)**
3. Camping is prohibited, to camp and/or establish a camp. **(36 CFR 261.58e)**
4. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instruction **(36 CFR 261.58g)**
5. Being in an area or upon the area between 10:00PM and 4:00AM **(36 CFR 261.58I)**
6. Possessing a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by state law, in violation of the laws of the state of Illinois. **(36 CFR 261.58bb)**

Ownership Requirement:

Only livestock owned by the permittee are authorized to graze under this permit. To exercise use of the permit, the permittee will furnish all evidence of ownership requested by the Forest Service. Livestock purchased and subsequently sold back to the original owner, or to an agent, assignee, or anyone representing or acting in concert with the original owner, within a 24-month period without prior written approval by the Forest officer in charge will not be considered valid ownership of the livestock.

The permittee may not transfer, assign, lease, or sublet this permit in whole or part.

Range and Livestock Management:

Only livestock marked, tagged, or branded as shown in the application upon which this permit is based, will be allowed to graze under this permit unless the permittee has advance written approval from the Forest officer in charge to do otherwise.

The permittee will pay the costs of, perform, or otherwise provide for the proportionate share of cooperative improvements and management practices on the permitted area when determined by the Forest officer in charge that such improvements and practices are essential to proper protection and management of the resources administered by the Forest Service.

Specific Permit Requirements:

The additional operational requirements listed below will be the responsibility of the successful bidder and will be included in the terms and conditions of the Term Grazing Permit when issued. These requirements will occur on an annual basis and must be met for the permit to remain in compliance. Failure to maintain permit compliance may result in the suspension, modification, or cancellation of the permit. These additional requirements will be at the expense of the successful bidder and should be considered part of the operational expenses when submitting a bid. The successful bidder will bear the full costs for all materials, labor, and equipment for this work unless specifically stated otherwise in a Fee Credit Agreement.

Required Range Improvements:

The successful bidder will perform an inspection of all structural improvements within their permitted pasture prior to **April 1, on an annual basis**. They will perform all necessary perimeter fence maintenance to contain their cattle prior to release of any cattle onto the permitted boundary. **It will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to provide all labor, materials and equipment necessary to maintain all fences to an acceptable standard unless otherwise noted.** Should existing fencing be deemed too deteriorated to be maintained, and replacement becomes necessary, fee credit would be allowed for the new construction. The successful bidder will be required to annually inspect and repair, as needed, all perimeter fencing and other structural improvements prior to the release of their cattle.

Liability:

The Forest Service is in no way responsible for personal injury or property damage resulting from permitted cattle and horses used by the permittee. Liability insurance for the permitted cattle is strongly recommended and may be required by state law. The permittee claims full responsibility for personal injury or property damage resulting from the permitted cattle in accordance with state law.

Other Considerations (e.g., Recreational Use, Allowable Use)

Other Considerations:

The Term Grazing Permit only conveys grazing privileges to the successful bidder. As with all National Forest lands, these tracts are open to the public for use in accordance with Forest Service regulations and policies. **The acquisition of a grazing permit in no way limits the public's right to access these lands.**

Representatives from various government agencies and ecological monitors, including, but not limited to: floristic quality, frog, butterfly, and upland birds may enter and actively monitor on the allotment during the various seasons and as permitted to conduct work. This includes utilizing access roads into and within the pasture.

Recreationalists and recreational opportunities and activities, including, but not limited to: hunting, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian may actively utilize the pasture during various seasons. This includes utilizing access roads to and within the pasture. Bicycles and equestrian use will be restricted to designated trails. While conflicts between permittees and National Forest public

visitors have been held to a minimum in the past, operational problems may occur due to gates being left open, damage to fencing, and/or harassment of cattle.

The permittee will be allowed limited vehicular access into the permitted grazing boundaries for cattle management or improvement maintenance purposes. All permittees, including representatives, must have an authorized Midewin NTP placard. Vehicles found not in compliance will be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense. The use of ATV/UTVs may be granted to the successful bidder(s), but this must be negotiated individually and **is not guaranteed.** **The Forest Service is in no way responsible for personal injury or property damage resulting from the use of ATVs, UTVs, vehicles, trailers or any other means of access into permitted grazing boundaries.**

Grazing Fees

The successful bidder will be billed for the initial grazing year per the bid submitted.

In subsequent grazing years, as required by 36 CFR 222.54(g), the grazing fee for each competitively bid Term Grazing Permit will be adjusted annually using the current hay price index for the Corn Belt Subregion. To establish a ***Base Grazing Value***, the submitted bid will be divided by the 2021 Bid Adjustment Factor. The *Base Grazing Value* will then be multiplied each year by the current year's Bid Adjustment Factor to determine the grazing fee for each of the subsequent years during the term of the grazing permit.

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| Examples: | Year | Bid Adjustment Factor |
| | 2013 | 1.24 |
| | 2014 | 1.55 |
| | 2015 | 1.53 |
| | 2016 | 1.43 |

A bid of \$7.00 per head month submitted in 2013 would have a *Base Grazing Value* (BGV) of **\$5.65** (\$7 divided by 1.24). The same \$7.00 bid submitted in 2014 would have a BGV of **\$4.52** (\$7 divided by 1.55).

| <u>Original Bid</u> | <u>Year/BAF</u> | <u>Fee for 2013 Bid Rate</u> | <u>Fee for 2014 Bid Rate</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$7.00 | 2013/1.24 | \$5.65 x 1.24 = \$7.00 | N/A |
| | 2014/1.55 | \$5.65 x 1.55 = \$8.76 | \$4.52 x 1.55 = \$7.00 |
| | 2015/1.53 | \$5.65 x 1.53 = \$8.64 | \$4.52 x 1.53 = \$6.92 |
| | 2016/1.43 | \$5.65 x 1.43 = \$8.08 | \$4.52 x 1.43 = \$6.46 |

As can be seen in these two examples, the first year will be billed at the original bid amount. However, in subsequent years the grazing fee may be higher or lower than the original bid depending upon the Bid Adjustment Factor of the first and each of the subsequent years.

Grazing fees are assessed by the Head Month. One (1) head month is equal to one (1) cow (with or without calf) grazing for one (1) month. For example, 12 head of cattle grazing for a 7-month grazing season would equal 84 Head Months (12 x 7 = 84).

Payment will be made to the USDA, Forest Service. No cattle will be released onto National Forest lands until notification of payment is received, the permit has been approved, and the permittee is notified by the Forest Service to proceed. Annually, the permittee must provide proof of purchase for cattle to be turned out. This may be provided as a sales receipt to the permit holder for cattle. Receipts must be provided before cattle are released.

Offerings

The offerings involved in this prospectus are exclusive authorization to graze cattle on the offered parcels or grazing allotments **for seven (7) months of the year from April 1, 2024 to November 1, 2026** unless prior approval has been granted and documented by the Range Management Specialist and Prairie Supervisor.

The Forest Service reserves that right to adjust the Head Month (HM) by extending or reducing the length of grazing period, or by adding or reducing acreage or HM's, which will result in an amendment to the grazing permit as well as the price of the permit. The rationale for adjusting the HM would be to achieve proper habitat management for the grassland bird species using this area to restore the pasture to native grasses and forbs in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Midewin Land and Resource Management Plan.

The Forest Service reserves the right to adjust the bids on an annual basis, based on the hay price index. The hay index may go up or down and a three (3) year average is computed.

This prospectus shall herein be made a part of the grazing term permit authorized for each allotment.

Utilities

The United States Department of Agriculture has no obligation to furnish utilities or services.

Bid Procedure

(1) The attached Application for a Term Grazing Permit **must be fully completed, signed and submitted with the bid form- the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope.** Failure to do so will result in an automatic disqualification of the submitted bid.

(2) All bids will be marked on the bid sheet provided and signed and sealed in an envelope when submitted. **UNSIGNED BIDS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.**

Note: All envelopes must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside with:
“GRAZING BID ENCLOSED”

Failure to properly seal and mark the outside of the envelope may result in the bid being disqualified.

NOTE: A bid deposit of 10% of the total amount of the bid is required (36 CFR 222.54). Bid deposits can be made by Cashier's Check or Money Order made out to USDA Forest Service. Bid deposits will be returned to all unsuccessful bidders. The bid deposit of the qualified high bidder will be applied to the annual grazing fee.

If the high bidder cannot fulfill the terms of the Term Grazing Permit, the bid deposit will be forfeited, and the allotment will be awarded to the second highest bidder.

(3) To qualify, the bid must meet the minimum bid amount of \$7.61 per head month.

Note: The minimum bid is the 2022 non-competitive grazing fee established under 36 CFR 222.53 and FSM 2238.6 for the Corn Belt Subregion. This fee amount is regional in scope and does not represent the true fair market value for the grazing allotments being offered in this prospectus. **Estimated Market Value (Required):** Previous competitive bidding procedures have shown that the true fair market value for these areas are significantly higher than the established non-competitive grazing fee. Grazing advertisements on the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie have resulted in qualified bids between \$7.00 and \$25.52 per head month depending on the specific conditions of the grazing areas being offered. The pastures included in this prospectus were previously advertised publicly in 2017. The successful qualified high bid was \$6.29 per head month.

The permit will be awarded to the qualified high bidder (see page 3 "Minimum Qualifications).

Upon opening the applicant's bids, the authorized officer shall determine whether each bidder meets the qualifications to hold a permit and shall refund the deposit to any applicant who is not qualified or who does not offer the high bid.

If the Forest Service determines that no bids represent the fair market value for the advertised grazing boundaries, the Agency reserves the right to reject the submitted bids and re-advertise under a new prospectus.

(4) Bids will be accepted at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie until

2:00 P.M., April 22, 2024

All bids received will be opened publicly immediately thereafter. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed to:

**Prairie Supervisor
USDA, Forest Service
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
30239 S State Route 53
Wilmington, IL 60481**

In the event two individuals submit bids for differing numbers of cattle, the Apparent High Bidder will be determined by the total bid amount, not the per head bid price. See the attached Bid Sheet to calculate the grazing bid.

**BIDS FOR GRAZING USE IN EXCESS OF THE ESTABLISHED
MAXIMUM GRAZING CAPACITY OR BELOW THE MINIMAL
ALLOWABLE LIMIT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**THE FOREST SERVICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EXTEND THE
DATE FOR RECEIVING BIDS, TO REJECT ANY AND/OR ALL BIDS,
AND TO WAIVE ANY TECHNICAL DEFECTS IN THE BIDS.**

Permit Award

The high bidder for each allotment offered will be awarded grazing authorization for that allotment through the issuance of a Forest Service Term Grazing Permit. All permit holders are expected to comply with all the terms of the permit and with this prospectus. This prospectus will be incorporated and made a part of the terms and conditions of all grazing permits issued.

Area Showings

A showing of the grazing allotment boundaries will be conducted on **April 4, 2024**. The **showing will begin at 9:00 AM**. Meet the Forest Service representative at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Supervisors Office 30239 S State Route 53, Wilmington, IL 60481. For further information, contact the USDA Forest Service, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, 30239 S State Route 53, Wilmington, IL 60481 or call (815)423-6370, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. or by email at: kelly.a.gutknecht@usda.gov.

Grazing Areas 2024-2026
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
Will County, Illinois

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| Name: Allotment E12 Acres: 662 Tract 11: 139 acres Tract 12: 105 acres Tract 13: 119 acres Tract 214/40: 297 acres Location: T34N R10E Sec. 35 & 36 Grazing Period: April 1 to November 1 | Vegetation: Cool season grasses Production: 1309 Head Months Total # of Cattle: 187 cow/calf Tract 11: 39 cow/calf Tract 12: 30 cow/calf Tract 13: 34 cow/calf Tract 214/40: 84 cow/calf Water Supply: Well (solar pumped) |
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HOW FOREST SERVICE GRAZING AREAS ARE MANAGED

- Only cattle are grazed on Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie allotments.
- Cattle grazing is primarily used as a tool to meet wildlife habitat goals.
- A Minimum of 4" stubble height is maintained on cool season pastures.
- Forage production estimates are based on an average of 2.65 Head Months per acre per year for cool season pastures. (Poorer pastures estimates are less). A Head Month is the amount of forage necessary for one 1000 lb. cow for one month. This equals 830 lbs. of forage (dry weight). Forage production estimates takes into account leaving the required stubble heights.
- The following conversion factors are used to convert class of animal to Head Months:

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| Bulls | 1.0 HEAD MONTH |
| Cows with nursing calves up to 6 months of age | 1.0 HEAD MONTH |
| Cows without calves | 1.0 HEAD MONTH |
| Weaned calves | .7 HEAD MONTH |
| Yearling | 1.0 HEAD MONTH |

- To determine the number of head that can be grazed:
 - From the chart, find the size and type of cattle you want to graze- note the conversion factor.
 - Divide the total HM production for the pasture you are interested in by the conversion factor. This equals the total number of Head Months grazing available for the size of animal you have.

- Divide the result by the number of months in the grazing season-this will equal the number of head of that size of animal that can be grazed.
- Example: You want to graze weaned calves. The pasture you are interested in produces 50 HM. The grazing season is April 1- October 31 (7 months). The conversion factor is .7 Dividing 50 HM by .7= 71.4 total Head Months available. 71.4 Head Months divided by 7-month season = 10 Head.
- Many allotments are still being developed.
- Allotments are inspected at least three times during the season. Permittee is responsible for maintenance of improvements on their area.
- The period of use on cool season grass pastures is April 1st – November 1st. Turn-out and pull-off dates may vary according to growing conditions.
- Permittee is responsible for having cattle on areas at the proper time and removing them according to the permit agreement. Cattle will be moved from pasture to pasture according to forage condition, to prevent overgrazing and assure proper utilization of forage. Any changes in the permit must have the approval of the Prairie Supervisor. Failure to follow terms of the permit may result in revocation of the permit.
- Keep the above information for reference if you are selected for any of the permit areas. Return only the APPLICANT QUALIFICATION STATEMENT and BID SHEET FOR FOREST SERVICE ALLOTMENTS.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

| | (Check One) | Yes | No |
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| I will have sufficient cattle to fully utilize the allotment. | | | |
| I own base property with cattle handling facilities. | | | |
| I am able to comply with allotment plan and permit conditions. | | | |
| Keep my name on the mailing list. | | | |
| This information is correct to the best of my knowledge | | | |
| Applicant signature: | | | |

Please print:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Applicant must answer all questions to be considered.

Return to Forest Service by:

2:00 P.M. April 22, 2024

BID SHEET MIDEWIN GRAZING ALLOMENTS

| GRAZING AREA | BID PER HM (Minimum \$7.61/ HM) | HEAD MONTHS Per year | TOTAL BID Annually |
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| <i>EXAMPLE</i> <i>Wild YAK Allotment</i> <i>Head Months = 560</i> | <i>Bid price (times)</i> <i>\$7.61 x</i> | <i>(Number of HM in</i> <i>Allotment)</i> <i>560 HM =</i> | <i>Equals total bid</i> <i>\$4261.60</i> |
| Allotment E-12 Head Months: 1,686 Grazing Period: 4/1 to 11/01 | | 1,686 | |

BIDDER'S SIGNATURE

DATE: