

Grazing Lease Arrangements and Rancher Tenant/ Licensee Roles by Agency as of May 2012

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Documents reviewed	RFP, Sublease	Resource Management Plan, RFP, Lease	Lease, RFP	Lease, Policy	RFP	RFP	RFP, Grazing license	Resource Management Agreement	Grazing License	Grazing License	Lease
LEASE TERM	5 years	1 and 5 years	5 years	5 years, extend up to 10 years	3 years, 2 years option to renew	1 to 5 years	5 years	5 months, extend 5 months, month to month	3 grazing seasons, with option 3 year extension (2x)	5 years, with option 5 year extension (2x)	4.5 years
LEASE RATE	Competitive bid on price (acre or AU) and qualifications	Set AUM rate based on cattle market; competitive on qualifications	Set AUM rate based on cattle market; competitive on qualifications	Set AUM rate based on cattle market; competitive on qualifications	Competitive bid on price (AUM) and qualifications	Competitive bid on price (AUM) and qualifications	Set AUM rate based on cattle market; competitive on qualifications	Set AUM rate, minimum AUs per month; competitive on qualifications	Set annual fee \$50 for initial period, if extended, costs progressively raise to AUM market value; competitive on qualifications	Annual fee; competitive on qualifications	Annual rent based on allowable AUMs and set AUM rate; competitive on qualifications
LANDOWNER GOALS											
Economic	Generate Revenue						Support profitable ranching operation			Provide agricultural value	Long-term productivity of livestock grazing
Ecological	Flood control, management of habitat for ecological values	Support biodiversity, water quality, fire control and other objectives	Watershed protection and management	Protect natural resources, maintain and enhance native plants and animals, manage fire fuel loads	Enhance native grasslands and oak woodlands, inhibit spread of annual exotics	Enhance perennial grassland; improve infiltration in the watershed	Manage and promote perennial grasses and wildflowers; reduce non-native species	Manage as a single ecological unit, protect resources, control exotics, enhance natives, fire fuel	Keep down vegetation to reduce risk of wildland fire	Manage natural resources	Soil and water conservation, wildlife habitat
Community	Management for public use			Sustain local agricultural economy, support public access			Provide recreation, establish cooperative relationships with neighbors			Uses include research, education, public access	Multiple use, military activities, livestock grazing, recreation

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HABITAT/ RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TENANT ROLES											
Vegetation management	Manage grazing to control non-natives, plants in wetlands, and reduce cover	Control specific pest plants. Manage for water quality, biodiversity and fire fuel loads. Deferred grazing for oaks	Reduce fire hazard, maintain health of land and resources		Prescriptive grazing, high density, short duration, long rest	Prescriptive grazing, high density, short duration, long rest	Adaptive management time, intensity and duration to achieve resource objectives and allow recreation	Mowing required; Reimbursed to fence restoration area			Noxious weed control, reduce fire hazard, attain landscape description goal of uniform vegetation height
Pest management	Cooperate with Ag Dept.	Propose in an annual plan. Use IPM	Propose in an Annual Plan	Propose in an annual work plan		Propose	Use IPM			As pre-approved	Control weeds (mechanical or pesticide)
Rodent / predator control	Rodent control with approval		Follow legal requirements			Propose				Predator control as in plan	Control rodents, Only trap or shoot predators with approval
Pesticide use	With approval	Okay, spot treatments; mechanical removal preferred	Follow City Ordinance	Not by leasee					Not by licensee	As pre-approved	Comply with laws and report at least five days prior
Rangeland conditions, RDM		Maintain above minimum RDM levels	Manage for target RDM levels	Maintain above minimum RDM levels	Meet State's objectives		Maintain above minimum RDM levels	Survey species composition, manage for target RDM levels		Measure and monitor RDM. No excessive grazing	Reduce fire hazard meet RDM requirements
Reduce fire fuel loads		Stated goal	Stated goal	Stated goal			Stated goal	Stated goal	Stated goal	Stated goal	Stated goal
Additional roles	Support research; irrigation management; security	Maintain riparian and reservoir exclusions	Maintain riparian and reservoir exclusions	Provide range improvements for restoration and conservation	Propose monitoring for meeting State's objectives	Provide public outreach	Accommodate public use	Remove cowpies from high use areas	Report vandalism to police/sheriff, reimburse up to \$500 for repair		Remove debris, control erosion,

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LIVESTOCK GRAZING											
Grazing plan	Joint plan development for grazing and resource management	Propose an annual plan to meet District's pasture rotation and season of use goals	Propose an annual grazing plan	Provided by District, propose annual stocking plan	Propose annual grazing plan, changes require approval	Propose adaptive management plan	Joint annual grazing plan development	Update current grazing plan	Graze heifers, adaptive management to meet goals or exceed goals as in strategic grazing plan	As specified in management plan which may include min and max numbers, rotation, and exclusion.	Graze to meet vegetation management objectives, not to exceed maximum allowable AUMs per year
Reporting		Monthly AUM reports	Monthly AUM reports		Propose method to verify AUEs (number and age)		Monthly stocking report	Monthly AUM reports		Annual report including repairs, projects, stocking rates and rotations, RDM, supplemental feed	Monthly AUM report
Response time	2 hours	24 hours	24 hours				24 hours		12 hours		2 hours
Additional requirements	Remove trespass livestock	Remove trespass livestock	Remove trespass livestock; Provide herd health plan	Provide herd health plan	Own/control adequate grazing land for herd, nearby				Monitoring as required by strategic grazing plan	Annual meeting for planning, monitoring as required by plan. Report trespass	As practical keep in one herd and rotate.

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FACILITIES TENANT ROLES											
Road maintenance	Reimbursed with rent credit			Reimbursed, includes emergency repair							Grade fire trails and disc fire breaks
Facility maintenance	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Agreement Includes a project list	Required plus project list	Required	Required
Facilities planning		Propose in annual plan	Propose in annual plan	Propose in annual plan		Propose					
Livestock management , Facilities & fencing development	As required by approved plan at cost to leasee	Reimbursed with rent credit for approved projects	USDA EQIP and maybe reimbursed	Reimbursed with rent credit for approved projects	Reimbursed for requested, preapproved projects, and required projects	Required projects listed on lease, reimbursed for additional approved projects	Required projects listed on lease, reimbursed for additional approved projects	Reimbursed for preapproved projects			
Conservation / recreation fencing	Reimbursed with rent credit for approved projects	USDA EQIP and maybe reimbursed		Reimbursed for requested and preapproved projects	Required projects listed on lease, reimbursed for additional approved projects	Required projects listed on lease, reimbursed for additional approved projects	Reimbursed for preapproved projects				
Livestock water (plan, install)	As required by approved plan at cost to leasee	Reimbursed with rent credit for approved projects	USDA EQIP and maybe reimbursed	Reimbursed with rent credit for approved projects	Reimbursed for requested, preapproved projects, and required projects	Required projects listed on lease, reimbursed for additional approved projects	Required projects listed on lease, reimbursed for additional approved projects	Reimbursed for preapproved projects			
Additional requirements					Provide solar power unit to charge existing electric fence						Comply with fire prevention and control regulations