



Tribal Land Enterprise

A Sub-ordinate Organization of the
Rosebud Sioux Tribe

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Current/ Future Lessees,

Tribal Land Enterprise (TLE) says hello to every person that has been granted the *privilege* of leasing tribal lands that are under our management. With the *privilege* of leasing Tribal lands come certain responsibilities. TLE, as the tribal land manager, and you, as the lease holder, are both responsible for the prudent and proper day to day management of the land. Here are few reminders of that responsibility:

1. Land Management will continue to be a priority of all existing and new leases approved by TLE. We encourage you to take all the necessary steps to follow the stipulations in your Lease Contract as you sign it.
2. Tribal Historic Preservation Office will be checking all TLE lands for potential Historic sites and their employees have Tribal Land Enterprise's permission to enter TLE Lease land.

According to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as revised, requires that we take into account the possible effect of proposed projects on cultural resources. TLE office has identified your office as potentially having knowledge of cultural resources which may be affected by one or more of our offices proposed project.

3. TLE will work with you; our intention is to begin a more productive working relationship with our lessees and making our lands healthier and more productive. This will benefit all tribal members and, most importantly the land and its natural resources. TLE desires to focus on land management changes that will result in Lease Compliance. Your goal to work with the individual directly with all land management issues. TLE will continue to conduct Lease Compliance checks on all Tribal/TLE land under its management. One of the priorities will be to check all cemeteries on Tribal/TLE land to make sure Lessees have maintained the fence around the cemeteries. If cemeteries are not fenced or maintained show cause letters will be written to that individual lessee to see why your lease should be cancelled for non-compliance. TLE will enforce all aspects of our lease management operation, including livestock counts, illegal hay cutting and correct farm acres. TLE will be fair and we will work with those that work with us. We desire to ensure that everyone has opportunity to obtain the *privilege* of leasing lands under TLE management.

TLE would like the following criteria be met for all Lease Bid and/or Lease proposals except the 25% ownership on leased land. The 25% ownership will come at a later date.

CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATION AS AN AGRICULTURE OPERATOR/ PRODUCER

Any party, other than a first-time Tribal Member Operator/Producer, that wishes to lease land from TLE must meet at least three (3) of the following criteria:

- 1) Own livestock (cows, horses, sheep, goats, buffalo) that are for the purpose of agricultural business:
 - a. Provide a Brand Inspection form for proof of brand and/or Financial Institution statement of Ownership and/or Bill of Sale for livestock with Notary signature;
 - b. Lessee must prove ownership of 25% of the livestock that could be pastured on leased land from TLE;
 - c. Must be pastured on the land leased from TLE;
 - d. Must provide a growth in an operation for the need of additional land; and
 - e. All pasture authorizations must be satisfied pursuant to the requirements of the Compliance Enforcement Section enumerated in this Lease Policy.
- 2) Market Receipts:
 - a. Produce sales and/or procurement receipts from sale barns or legitimate cattle buyers;
 - b. Receipts of sales of crops, feed/food corporations, businesses, or local producers or other proof of sales of crops; and
 - c. If own use example in a Management Plan.
- 3) Proof that FSA recognizes individual as an operator - 156 EZ Form.
- 4) Income Tax Statement - Schedule F and/or Purchase Agreement for Farming Equipment.
- 5) State Brand Registration.
- 6) Lessees of farmland will provide the yearly information and data of type of crops planted, total acres planted, and yield per acre of crop planted. If crop is irrigated this data will be furnished as to the gallons of water utilized to achieve the yield per acre.
- 7) For rangeland, the length of time the livestock is on the lease, and the weight of the calves when sold or weaned.

FIRST-TIME TRIBAL OPERATOR/PRODUCER CRITERIA.

- 1) Own livestock (cows, horses, sheep, goats, buffalo) that are for the purpose of agricultural business:
 - a. Provide a Brand Inspection form for proof of brand and/or Financial Institution statement of Ownership and/or Bill of Sale for livestock with Notary signature;
 - b. Lessee must prove ownership of 25% of the livestock that could be pastured on leased land from TLE;
 - c. Must be pastured on the land leased from TLE;
 - d. Must provide a growth in an operation for the need of additional land; and
 - e. All pasture authorizations must be satisfied pursuant to the requirements of the Compliance Enforcement Section enumerated in this Lease Policy.
- 2) Provide Business Plan and/or Summary of his/her plans for future growth.

All Lease Proposals must be completed and filled out properly by December 6, 2019 for TLE Board of Directors approval on December 10, 2018.

Enclosed is the 2019 Lease Rental Rates, a Grazing Mangement Plan, Farm Management Plan, Fertilier Form and Improvemnt Form except Pasturing Authorizations and Soil Samples. All forms need to filled out and returned to Tribal Land Enterprise. If the Grazing Management Plan and Farm Management Plan are not filled out, this will delay lease getting approved by the TLE Board of Directors

If you have questions, please contact Ernest Blacksmith Jr., TLE Lease Manager, at 747-2371 or stop in at Tribal Land Enterprise.