

PRE-APPLICATION MEETING NOTICE

1. A pre-application meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**, at the Lake Red Rock Project office at the south end of Red Rock Dam.
2. All applicants should bring their notice of availability package to the meeting as a reference.
3. Visits to individual tracts with a ranger will be available to interested applicants. Contact the Lake Red Rock Project Office one day in advance to arrange a field visit.
4. In case of inclement weather, applicants should contact the project office by telephone no later than 9:00 a.m. the day of the meeting to determine if the meeting is being held or rescheduled. The phone number is (641) 828-7522.

NOTICE:

RECENT FLOODS HAVE ALTERED NATURAL AND IMPROVED DRAINAGES ON TRACTS AVAILABLE FOR LEASE. BIDDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO THOROUGHLY INSPECT DRAINAGES, FIELD CROSSINGS, CULVERTS AND ANY MAINTENANCE THAT MAY BE NECESSARY.

NOTICE:

THE STANDARD LEASE FORM CONTAINS A CONDITION WHEREBY THE LESSEE MUST OBTAIN WRITTEN APPROVAL BEFORE ANY PESTICIDES, INCLUDING INSECTICIDES AND HERBICIDES ARE APPLIED. A LIST OF ACCEPTABLE PESTICIDES IS ATTACHED. A LESSEE PROPOSING TO USE A PESTICIDE NOT ON THE ATTACHED LIST MUST CONTACT THE ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS PESTICIDE COORDINATOR, MR. JOHN PUNKIEWICZ (TELEPHONE 309-794-5484), AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE PROPOSED APPLICATION OF ANY PESTICIDE NOT ON THE ATTACHED LIST.

NOTICE:

THE MINIMUM ELEVATION OF LANDS TO BE CROPPED ON THE TRACTS OFFERED FOR LEASE IS 750 FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL (MSL). IN SOME CASES, SMALL PORTIONS OF LAND BELOW 750' MSL ARE INCLUDED IN THE TRACTS FOR ACCESS, ETC.

FIELDS WITH BOUNDARIES ON THE 750' MSL CONTOUR HAVE BEEN MARKED WITH STEEL FENCE POSTS. PAST FLOODS HAVE PARTIALLY ELIMINATED THE WEED LINE THAT FOLLOWED THE STEEL FENCE POSTS. LESSEES WILL NEED TO LOOK FOR THE POSTS AND COMPLY WITH THE 750' MSL CONTOUR FIELD BOUNDARIES!

NOTICE:

DRIFT IN THE FARMABLE AREA IS THE CHOICE OF THE LESSEE WHETHER TO REMOVE IT FROM CORPS PROPERTY, BURN IN CROP FIELD WITH ADVANCE PERMISSION, OR FARM AROUND IT. AREAS ON THE ATTACHED MAPS MARKED AS BUFFER STRIPS WILL BE MOWED BY THE LESSEE AT LEAST ONCE EVERY YEAR. ALL 50-FOOT BUFFERS ALONG WATERWAYS WILL HAVE THE CROPLAND SIDE 15 FEET MOWED. ON ALL OTHER BUFFERS, THE ENTIRE STRIP WILL BE

MOWED. IN ADDITION TO MOWING, THE LESSEE WILL CLEAN ALL DRIFT AND DEBRIS FROM THE MOWABLE BUFFER TO ALLOW SATISFACTORY MOWING EVERY YEAR. DISKING, HERBICIDE APPLICATION, ETC., ARE NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR MOWING. THE BUFFERS CAN BE MOWED ANYTIME, EXCEPT MAY AND JUNE. BUFFER WILL BE MARKED IN THE FIELD WITH STEEL FENCE POSTS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

NOTICE:

SOME TRACTS WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CONDUCTED ON THEM DURING THE TERM OF THE LEASE. THESE REVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED DURING THE GROWING SEASON. PENDING REVIEW RESULTS, ACRES AVAILABLE FOR CULTIVATION MAY BE REDUCED. IF THAT OCCURS THE RENT DUE WILL BE REDUCED PROPORTIONATELY FOR THE AMOUNT OF LAND REMOVED FROM CULTIVATION.

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