



**NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE**  
**TM-26-02**  
**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**  
**Turtle Mountain Agency**  
**Post Office Box 60 Belcourt, North Dakota 58316**

**SALE OF FARMING & GRAZING LEASES ALLOTTED INDIAN LANDS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**  
**TURTLE MOUNTAIN AGENCY BELCOURT, NORTH DAKOTA 58316**

Sealed bids will be received until **3:00 P.M., June 26, 2026** and publicly opened at that time at the Turtle Mountain Agency, Belcourt, North Dakota for the leasing of **31 tracts**, comprised of **3474.23 acres** of trust allotted lands.

Bids will be considered for grazing, hay or farming of lands described on the attached sheets for a period of one to five years for those leases which do not require substantial improvements. Bids may be submitted for a tenure of up to ten years for those leases requiring substantial improvement or investment in the development of the lands (brushing, fencing, water development, etc.). **ANY BID RECEIVED FOR A TENURE OF MORE THAN FIVE YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BE COMPLETED AND THE APPROXIMATE COST FOR EACH IMPROVEMENT.** All bids must cover an entire tract as advertised. Leases are subject to all existing homesite areas, pursuant to the Indian Land Consolidation Act of 2000. All leases prepared pursuant to this advertisement will commence upon approval, unless otherwise indicated and will be subject to cancellation in the event of a sale or at the end of the contract year in which the sale is made.

The Superintendent, Turtle Mountain Agency, has the authority to grant leases on all tracts offered for and on behalf of the landowners pursuant to the Act of July 8, 1940, (54 Stat. 745, 25 USCA 380), 25 CFR 162.602 a, b & c, and the Act of December 3, 1993 (107 Stat. 2017, 25 USC 3715) and Powers of Attorney executed pursuant to 25 CFR 162.601 (a) (b) (1) (2) (3) (4) & (5). **IT IS, THEREFORE NOT NECESSARY FOR THE LESSEE TO OBTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF THE LESSORS, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.**

Each bid on grazing land shall be a cash amount to be paid in advance each year of the lease. Bids on farm lands located in Rolette County may be either cash or crop share. However, crop share bids must include a detailed plan of land use and crop rotations indicating acreages and specific crops or an annual cash guarantee. Such guaranty shall be the determining factor in awarding the lease. Improvements to be placed on leased premises may be removed at the end of the lease period, **if provisions for removal are stipulated on the bid form.** Proposals for new breaking, fencing, etc., to be considered part of the rental should also be included on the bid form. If the high bid in the same amount is received from two or more bidders, an oral auction will be held on a specified date for awarding purposes. **Owners of trust land that are being advertised for lease shall be given the opportunity to meet the high bid. The owner claiming owners use must submit a bid before they will be allowed to meet the high bid.**

No further bidding by a non-owner will be allowed. In the event that more than one owner wishes to meet the high bid, an oral auction will be held on a specified date for awarding purposes.

All bids shall be submitted on the form which is attached hereto.

**NO BID DEPOSITS WILL BE REQUIRED.** Within 20 days after notification of being the successful bidder, the bidder must remit the balance of the first year's rental and a filing fee for each lease, and shall file with the Superintendent the lease in completed form. The Superintendent may, for good and sufficient reason, extend the period for completing and filing the lease, but no extension shall be granted for submitting the balance of the monies due. Failure by the bidder to deposit all monies due within the period allowed will result in the forfeiture of his deposit for the beneficial use of the Indian owners. **BIDS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM LESSEES IN GOOD STANDING. ANYONE WITH OVERDUE RENTALS WILL NOT BE AWARDED ANY TRACTS UPON WHICH THEY MAY BID.**

The Superintendent reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or technical defect in the bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of the Indian owners or the United States. The Superintendent further reserves the right to approve, with consent of the lessor and subject to payment of reasonable damages, if any, to the lessor, the right to grant rights of way and prospecting permits on or across the land during the term of the lease. The right is also reserved for Government Employees to enter upon the premises for lease compliance inspections during the term of the lease. A lease clause concerning participation in U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs shall be added to all leases where applicable.

The lessee shall cooperate and participate in programs of the USDA that will yield a benefit to and for said land by establishment of base acreage and allotment. There shall be nothing in this lease agreement expressed or implied that shall permit the removal of any crop allotment or benefits from said land either during or at the termination of the lease. It is expressly agreed by all parties concerned that the lessee will participate in programs of the USDA for which the farm is eligible, this includes signing up the land each year with FSA. The land shall be continually cropped in such a manner as to establish and maintain crop histories in order to render the land eligible for participation in various USDA programs. The lessee shall carry catastrophic crop insurance on landowner's portion of the crop. The level of coverage shall be not less than what is required by the Farm Service Agency.

All lease contracts will be prepared in favor of the successful bidder by the Turtle Mountain Agency on Departmental form 5-5441 in accordance with regulations of the Secretary of the Interior as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 25, Part 162 and amendments thereto.

Each prospective bidder should check the Soil Conservation activity at this agency prior to bidding to examine the Plan of Conservation practices and special provisions that will be made part of each lease. The Plan of Conservation will indicate the type of land in each tract. These conservation practices must be followed and periodic checks will be made to determine if violations occur. We strongly encourage prospective bidders to inspect any property on this advertisement prior to submission of a bid.

Successful bidders must pay required lease and filing fees in accordance with existing regulations. Bonding allows for Corporate Surety, Letters of Credit and Certificates of Deposit. A power of attorney form or assignment of time savings account form is required with a Certificate of Deposit, appointing and empowering the Secretary of Interior, or his authorized representative in the event of any breach of lease, to pay over the specified amount as liquidated damages to or for the benefit of the lessors.

**Successful bidders must complete their lease contract within 30 days unless they request in writing and are granted additional time from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent. If a lease is not completed within 30 days, the lease will be awarded to the next highest bidder.**

**ALL BIDS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO, AND PLAINLY MARKED:**  
**Superintendent, Turtle Mountain Agency**  
**"Bid for Lease Advertisement TM-26-02" PO Box 60**  
**Belcourt, North Dakota 58316**

**Bids must be mailed to the Agency or dropped off for consideration prior to the bid opening. No faxed bids will be accepted.**

Item number and allotment/tract ID numbers as indicated on the advertisement should be shown on each bid. Additional bid forms may be obtained at the Turtle Mountain Agency, Branch of Trust Services, P.O. Box 60, Belcourt, ND 58316, or call (701) 660-4367.

Attachments Superintendent

**BID FOR FARMING AND GRAZING LEASES**  
**ADVERTISEMENT TM-2026-02**

**TO: Superintendent**  
**Turtle Mountain Agency**  
**Belcourt, North Dakota 58316**

In response to your public advertisement of May 27, 2026, calling for bids for leases on Turtle Mountain lands; to be opened at 3:00 P.M. on June 26, 2026. I submit the following bid(s):

**ITEM # RES CODE & TRACT ID# # YEARS (TERM) AMOUNT OF BID PER YEAR.**


**ADDITIONAL CLAUSES FOR SPECIFIC BIDS**


**Please initial below (if applicable):**

I am a co-owner in Item No: \_\_\_\_\_, Allotment/Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (please initial) and would like to reserve the right to match the high bid on this tract of land.

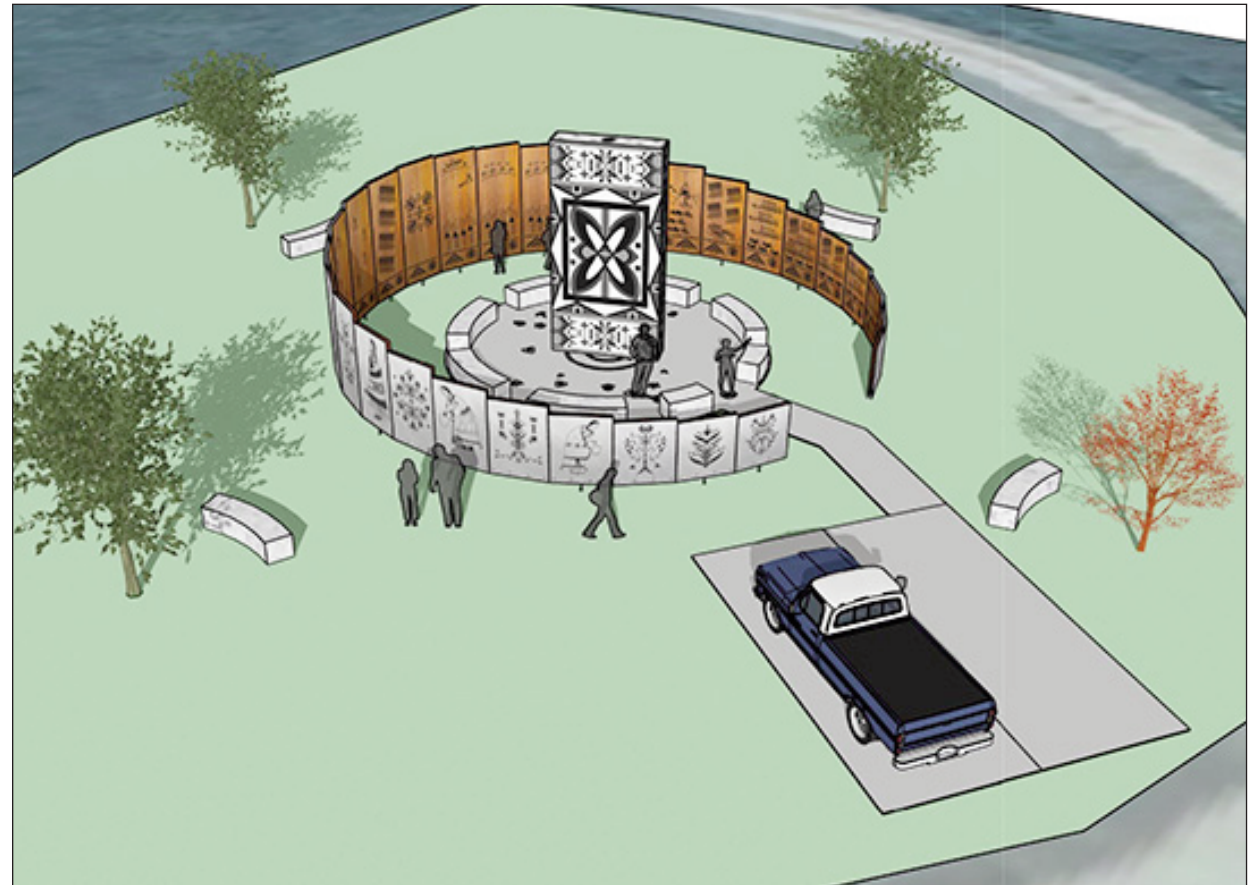
**NAME OF BIDDER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY, STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TELEPHONE NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

Bids will be received for entire tract. However, award letter will list non-Indians and their share of the amount of bid. **WE WILL ONLY COLLECT RENTAL FOR INDIAN OWNERS, AS LESSEE MUST PAY NON-INDIANS AND CANADIANS DIRECT.**

**I HAVE READ THE NOTICE OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH I SUBMIT MY BID. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD THE BID BE AWARDED TO ME AND I FAIL TO COMPLETE THE LEASE IN THE REQUIRED TIME (30 DAYS UNLESS ADDT'L TIME REQUESTED), I FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO BID ON FUTURE LAND ADVERTISEMENTS FOR ONE YEAR.**

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# Whitestone Hill monument project enters first construction phase



KULM, N.D. — Construction will begin later this month on Phase 1 of a monument honoring the Native American people killed at Whitestone Hill during the massacre of Sept. 3-6, 1863. Whitestone Hill State Historic Site is located near Kulm.

The State Historical Society of North Dakota launched planning in June 2023 by inviting Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and descendants of Indigenous survivors to a visioning meeting. Seven elders and descendants volunteered to serve on a committee to guide the project.

The committee met to set goals and develop a request for qualifications for an architectural firm. After reviewing three proposals, the committee selected Quintus 3D for its experience working with tribal communities and its partnerships with tribal

artists and historians. The monument will be built in four phases. Phase 1 includes installing the foundation and supporting infrastructure. Work is expected to finish by August 2026. Al Gleason Construction of Tolna will serve as general contractor.

Vertical artwork panels, stone benches, and tree plantings will be completed in future phases. The monument will offer a place for reflection, remembrance, and education while honoring Native Americans who lost their lives during the massacre.

In 1909, a monument was erected to memorialize the U.S. soldiers who died at the site. In 2023, the North Dakota Legislature authorized \$250,000 for the construction of the Native American monument after Rep. Mike Brandenburg in-

troduced legislation during the 68th Legislative Assembly.

Earlier this month, the State Historical Society received a \$150,000 award from the North Dakota Department of Transportation's Special Road Fund to pave the gravel entry road and loop at the site. These projects follow other recent improvements including new interpretive panels installed in 2023 and permanent restrooms completed in 2025.

Individuals, organizations, and communities may support future phases. The State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation is accepting donations for Phases 2 through 4. For information on the project and contributing, contact Historic Sites Manager Rob Hanna, 701.328.3508 or rjhanna@nd.gov.

**UNITED STATES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**  
**TURTLE MOUNTAIN AGENCY**  
**BELCOURT, NORTH DAKOTA 58316**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 14, 2026

TO: DAN FALCON, FORESTRY

FROM: REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PLAN OF CONSERVATION STIPULATIONS

ALLOTMENT NUMBER	SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	DESCRIBED AS:	ACREAGE
304 1612	14	162 N	70 W	E SE	80.00
304 2521	14	162 N	70 W	SE SW, W SW SE	60.00
304 1327	15	162 N	70 W	LOT 7, E SE	145.60
	22			E NE NE, E NW NE NE, SW NE NE	
304 5102	22	162 N	70 W	NE SE, SE NE	80.00
304 5059	27	162 N	70 W	E SW	80.00
304 5142	27	162 N	70 W	E NW NW SW, E SE NW SW SW, E W SW, N N NW SW SW,	48.750
304 2569	28	162 N	70 W	NW NW, S NW	120.00
304 908-A	29	162 N	70 W	SW SE	33.00
304 1082	31	162 N	70 W	NE	160.00
304 1747	31	162 N	70 W	LOT 3=NW SW	156.020
304 1355	34	162 N	70 W	W SW	80.00
304 788	3	162 N	71 W	W SE	160.00
	10			N NE	
304 270	5	162 N	71 W	W SW	80.00
304 730	20	162 N	71 W	E SE	160.00
	29			E NE	
304 2224	31	162 N	71 W	LOT 1, LOT 2	80.61
304 2224-A	31	162 N	71 W	E NW	80.00
304 5067	20	162 N	71 W	S NW	80.00
304 2361	30	162 N	71 W	E NW	80.00
304 2361-A	30	162N	71 W	LOT 1, LOT 2	80.92
324 2164	3	162N	72 W	LOT1, LOT2, S NE	160.63
324 12	23	162N	73W	SW	160.00
324 1710	25	162N	73W	NW	160.00
324 2377	3	162N	72W	LOT1, LOT2	72.26
324 204	19	155N	77W	E NW, LOT1, LOT2	150.52
256 T 1270	34	156N	104W	E SE, LOT3, LOT4	146.52
256 2075	28	157N	103W	NW	160.00
256 2483	33	154N	103W	SE	160.00
256 698	23	155N	104W	S SE	80.00
256 1548-A	23	155N	104W	E NW	80.00
256 565	19	159N	103W	E NE, LOT	155.00
256 439	19	162N	101W	SE	160.00

OUR OFFICE IS IN THE PROCESS OF EXECUTING A LEASE ON THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPERTY. PLEASE PREPARE THE STIPULATIONS, WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE LEASE, INCLUDING ANY NEW ACREAGE FIGURES OR NEW CROP ACREAGE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN BROKEN OUT IN A PREVIOUS LEASE. ALSO INCLUDE ANY NEW PRACTICES THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN ANY PREVIOUS LEASE. YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.

John A Olson  
 REALTY SPECIALIST