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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.

Table with 4 columns: ITEM #, RES CODE & TRACT ID#, # YEARS (TERM), AMOUNT OF BID PER YEAR. Contains several rows of bid information.

ADDITIONAL CLAUSES FOR SPECIFIC BIDS

Blank lines for additional clauses for specific bids.

Please initial below (if applicable):
I am a co-owner in Item No: _____, Allotment/Tract No. _____
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 _____

Three Individuals Sentenced for Scheme to Steal Money from Accounts Managed by the Department of the Interior Bureau of Trust Funds Administration

Bismarck – United States Attorney Nicholas W. Chase announced that on June 16, 2026, Ranita Lynn Freeman, Age 32, Minot, North Dakota (and a member of the MHA Nation), appeared in the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota and was sentenced before Judge Daniel L. Hovland to serve 42 months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$51,500 in restitution, for the offenses of Wire Fraud and Aggravated Identify Theft.

Between 2020 and 2023, Freeman stole \$51,500 from two MHA Nation tribal members' Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts. The Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA) manages the financial assets of American Indians held in trust by the Department of the Interior and an IIM account is an interest-bearing account managed by the BTFA on behalf of an individual who has money or other assets held in trust for them by the Federal government. Between August 2020 and January 2021, Freeman stole \$42,000 from one tribal member's IIM account and, again between January and April 2023, she stole \$9,500 from a second tribal member's IIM account. Throughout these two separate schemes, Freeman placed multiple calls to the BTFA, Fort Berthold Agency, where she fraudulently pretended to be these tribal members. During these calls, Freeman provided the BTFA with the names, dates of birth, and other identifying information of the tribal members to access, and obtain money from, their respective IIM accounts. Department of the Interior Office of Inspector General special agents identified Freeman as the caller when she called into the BTFA posing as one of these tribal members and they compared the caller's voice to Freeman's voice.

Additional Individuals Sentenced in a Separate BTFA IIM Fraud Scheme:

Between November and December 2022, Wareagle Rollingthunder Martin and Samantha Lynn Rebold stole \$11,695.92 from an MHA Nation tribal members' IIM account. To accomplish this theft, Rebold took photographs of the tribal member's personal identifying information, including his social security card and tribal identification card. Thereafter, Rebold provided these photographs to co-defendant Martin who then called the BTFA, Fort Berthold Agency, pretended to be the MHA Nation tribal member and fraudulently requested that the BTFA send two monetary disbursements from this individual's IIM account—in the amounts of \$1,510.40 and \$10,185.52—to a bank account that he controlled. Thereafter, Martin and Rebold spent the money that they fraudulently obtained from this tribal member's IIM account. When Martin called the BTFA, he falsely used the MHA Nation tribal member's name, date of birth, social security number, and tribal identification number to obtain money from this IIM account.

Wareagle Rollingthunder Martin: Age: 39. From: Fargo, North Dakota. Sentenced on October 21, 2025, before Judge Daniel M. Traynor, to 24 months' imprisonment, 1 year of supervised release, and payment of restitution of \$11,695.92 on a charge of Aggravated Identity Theft.

Samantha Lynn Rebold: Age: 38. From: Fargo, North Dakota. Sentenced on June 18, 2025, before Judge Daniel M. Traynor, to time served (7 days), three years of supervised release, and payment of restitution of \$11,695.92 on a charge of Wire Fraud.

"Fraud is especially sinister because it hurts victims in many ways", said US Attorney Nicholas W. Case. "As this case shows,

when criminals steal money through fraud schemes, they often steal something even more personal, the identities of innocent people whose names, financial accounts, and personal information are exploited for criminal gain. Prosecuting fraud and identity theft offenses remains one of the highest priorities of this office because these crimes can cause lasting financial and emotional harm to victims. Today's sentence reflects our commitment to holding fraudsters accountable and protecting the public from those who seek to profit through deception and the misuse of others' personal information."

"These sentences should serve as a deterrent to those who seek to exploit vulnerable account holders by stealing funds that are intended to support thousands of Native Americans and their communities. These funds, held in trust, are vital to the many individuals who rely on them as their sole source of income," said Special Agent in Charge Jamie DePaep. "We will continue working with the BTFA and our prosecutorial partners to protect account holders and hold those responsible fully accountable."

This case was investigated by the Department of the Interior – Office of Inspector General, and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan J. O'Konek, District of North Dakota.

On April 7, the Department of Justice announced the creation of the National Fraud Enforcement Division ("Fraud Division"). The Fraud Division is investigating and prosecuting those who commit fraud against the American people. The Department's work to combat fraud supports President Trump's Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, a whole-of-government effort chaired by Vice President J.D. Vance to eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse within Federal benefit programs.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 14, 2026

TO: DAN FALCON, FORESTRY

FROM: REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PLAN OF CONSERVATION STIPULATIONS

Table with 6 columns: ALLOTMENT NUMBER, SEC., TWP., RGE., DESCRIBED AS:, ACREAGE. Contains a list of land parcels with their respective details.

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