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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Natural Resources
MC-301

Dear Landowners, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Permittees and Other Interested Parties:

We are inviting you to participate in our decision concerning the grazing rental rate on allotted lands within range units on the Standing Rock Reservation pursuant to 25 Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) § 166.408. We are going to use the weighted Olympic average change process established in 2010. We request your input by August 7, 2026. After considering your comments, we will decide on the grazing rental rate for allotted lands on the Standing Rock Reservation.

Using the process established in 2010, there was a change in the allotted lands grazing rental rate for 2027 between $18.81 per Animal Unit Month (AUM), the present rate, and $19.28 per AUM, the present rate adjusted by the calculated weighted Olympic average percentage of 2.51 percent. The weighted Olympic average percentage is calculated from the annual United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS) county level cash rents. This information is in the enclosed table, *Grazing Rental Rates for Standing Rock Indian Reservation Allotted Lands*. The Olympic average is a five-year average with the highest and lowest values removed (Columns D and G). The percent change of the Olympic average from 2025 to 2026 is determined for each county (Columns E and H). The percent change of the Olympic averages is added based upon the proportional area of each county within the reservation to determine the weighted Olympic average percentage change (Column I).

Our decision of whether to adjust the grazing rental rate will be based upon trends in the livestock industry, other major events, and climatic conditions which could influence rental rates such as blizzards, drought, financial market episodes, etc. We welcome your input on these factors, including the addition of others you deem important.

Please do not hesitate to contact Todd Hauge, Safety of Dams Engineer, Division of Natural Resources, at (605) 226-7621, if you have any questions or comments; need additional information or would like a meeting to discuss my decision on adjusting the grazing rental rate for allotted trust lands on your reservation.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND HART

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Acting Regional Director

Enclosure

cc: Superintendent, Standing Rock Agency

Grazing Rental Rates for Standing Rock Indian Reservation Allotted Lands

Year	Standing Rock Indian Reservation		USDA NASS						Weighted Average 5-year olympic average change for Indian Reservation (weighted by range unit area within county)(71% Corson and 29% Sioux)
			Corson			Sioux			
	Implemented Grazing Rental Rate per AUM	Proposed Change in rental rate mid-permit using weighted 5-year olympic average	Average cost per acre for County	Olympic average (5-year average without highest and lowest rentals)	Percent change in olympic average between years	Average cost per acre for County	Olympic average (5-year average without highest and lowest rentals)	Percent change in olympic average between years	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1995	$7.60		$7.90			$8.40			
1996	$7.60		$7.30			$8.10			
1997	$7.40		$7.30			$7.80			
1998	$6.55		$7.20			$7.50			
1999	$6.55		$6.60	$7.27		$8.20	$8.03		
2000	$6.50		$7.20	$7.23	-0.46%	$7.60	$7.90	-1.69%	0.23%
2001	$6.50		$7.80	$7.23	0.00%	$7.80	$7.80	-1.28%	-0.31%
2002	$8.50		$7.50	$7.43	2.69%	$8.30	$7.93	1.68%	2.40%
2003	$8.50		$8.20	$7.67	3.04%	$8.90	$8.10	2.05%	2.76%
2004	$8.50		$8.40	$8.00	4.17%	$9.00	$8.33	2.80%	3.77%
2005	$8.50		$8.20	$8.10	1.23%	$9.90	$8.73	4.58%	2.20%
2006	$10.50		$9.30	$8.27	2.02%	$9.90	$9.27	5.70%	3.10%
2007	$10.50		$9.10	$8.57	3.50%	$10.30	$9.60	3.47%	3.49%
2008	$10.50		$10.20	$8.93	4.10%	$13.30	$10.03	4.32%	4.17%
2009	$12.96		$7.80	$8.87	-0.75%	$11.60	$10.67	6.34%	1.19%
2010	$14.07		$8.50	$8.97	1.12%	$12.20	$11.43	6.71%	2.74%
2011	$14.46	$14.46	$7.70	$8.47	-5.91%	$12.40	$12.13	5.77%	-2.52%
2012	$14.10	$14.10	$9.30	$8.53	0.78%	$12.80	$12.47	2.67%	1.33%
2013	$14.29	$14.29	$10.00	$8.53	0.00%	$15.90	$12.47	0.00%	0.00%
2014	$14.29	$14.29	-	$8.53	0.00%	$17.10	$13.70	9.00%	2.61%
2015	$14.66	$14.66	$11.50	$10.27	7.91%	$17.10	$15.27	10.26%	8.59%
2016	$15.92	$15.92	-	$9.27	0.00%	$16.50	$16.50	7.47%	2.17%
2017	$15.92	$16.27	$13.00	$10.27	9.74%	$16.80	$16.73	1.39%	7.32%
2018	$15.92	$17.09	$15.00	$11.50	10.72%	-	$16.73	0.00%	7.61%
2019	$17.13	$17.13	-	$11.50	0.00%	$18.50	$16.93	1.18%	0.34%
2020	$17.19	$17.19	$15.50	$13.17	12.66%	$16.50	$16.73	-1.20%	8.64%
2021	$17.19	$18.68	$16.50	$14.50	9.20%	$15.50	$16.20	-3.29%	5.57%
2022	$18.15	$18.15	$10.50	$15.67	7.45%	$15.50	$15.87	-2.10%	4.68%
2023	$18.15	$19.00	-	$15.67	0.00%	$14.50	$15.50	-2.37%	-0.69%
2024	$19.15	$18.03	$18.50	$16.50	6.93%	$16.50	$14.83	-4.49%	3.62%
2025	$18.81	$19.81	$22.00	$18.17	7.34%	-	$15.50	4.30%	6.46%
2026	$18.81	$20.02	$19.00	$18.67	2.68%	$24.50	$15.83	2.11%	2.51%
2027		$19.28							

Source of county level rents is from United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistical Service (USDA NASS) Report on County Cash Rents found at https://www.nass.usda.gov under Find Data and Reports by State

Increase in average county rental rates p[illegible]