

Agreement Number: _____ (NRCS Use)

**AGREEMENT TO ENTER
CONTRACT FOR 30-YEAR LAND USE**

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between _____
_____ (“Landowner(s)”), and the UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, by and through the Secretary of Agriculture (“United States”), on behalf of
the Commodity Credit Corporation (“CCC”). The Landowner(s) enters this Agreement
pursuant to the authority of _____

_____[Insert Tribal Resolution, etc.].
All of the obligations specified in this Agreement run to and obligate the Landowner(s).

The United States and the Landowner(s) agree that:

1. If the United States exercises this Agreement to Enter Contract for 30-Year Land Use (hereafter “Agreement”) pursuant to 7 CFR Section 1468, the Landowner(s) agrees to enter into a Contract for 30-Year Land Use (hereafter the “Contract”) which may require approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Said Contract encumbers the land generally described or depicted on EXHIBIT A, (hereafter the “Property”). The Landowner(s) agrees not to knowingly do, or allow others to do, any act by which the monetary or functional value of the Property may be diminished or encumbered.
2. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the United States will obligate \$ _____ for consideration to enter into the Contract. The Landowner(s) agrees to accept this amount as the full and final compensation for the Contract. This offer is based on an estimate of _____ acres, more or less, which may be subject to change based on a final acreage determination.
3. NRCS will not provide funding for more than 75 percent of the total restoration cost. The Landowner(s) agrees that NRCS will withhold an amount equivalent to 25 percent of the projected restoration costs from the Contract payment in order to carry out the restoration on the Property in accordance with the Wetlands Reserve Plan of Operations (WRPO). If there is an increase in the final restoration costs from the projected restoration costs, the Landowner is responsible to provide additional funds up to 25 percent of the final restoration cost. If there is a decrease in the final restoration costs, the Landowner will receive the difference between the 25 percent of the final restoration costs and the amount withheld based on the projected restoration costs.

4. Landowner must identify their preferred method for NRCS to provide financial assistance for the implementation of the WRPO and initial below:

Method: Federal Contract _____
 Landowner or Partner Agreement _____

5. With prior notice to Landowner(s), the United States in coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, if applicable, may hereafter enter upon the Property for planning of land use. At its cost, the United States may survey and demarcate the Property and any associated access route.

6. The United States has until August 31, 20_____, to enter into the Contract for up to the stated contract price. Prior to the expiration of this Agreement, the Landowner(s) and the United States may mutually agree to extend this Agreement only once until August 31, 20_____. [NOTE: The original expiration date entered will be August 31 of the year following the fiscal year in which the Agreement is entered. The extension date entered will be August 31 of the year no later than 2 years following the fiscal year in which the Agreement is entered]. Landowner(s) acknowledges there will be a maximum of one extension and there are no alternative expiration dates.

7. Except for reasons beyond the control of the Landowner(s), if the Landowner(s) fails to enter into the Contract, the Landowner(s) will be in default and must pay the United States the amount of costs incurred by the United States for survey and all other actions taken after the date signed below, and in furtherance of this Agreement.

8. All terms and conditions of this Agreement are expressly stated herein, and there are no other related representations or promises. No member of or Delegate to Congress, or Resident Commissioner may be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or benefit from it.

Land owner has hereunto signed on this _____ Day of _____, 20_____.

Landowner(s): _____

Landowner(s): _____

Landowner(s): _____

Landowner(s): _____

Landowner(s): _____

ACCEPTANCE BY NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE:

I _____ (Name), _____ (Title), being the duly authorized representative of the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, do hereby accept this Agreement with respect to the rights and duties of the United States of America.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature

Title

Optional Extension of the Agreement to Enter Contract for 30-year Land Use

Prior to the original expiration date of this Agreement, the Parties mutually agree to extend this Agreement to the August 31 date identified in Paragraph 6. The Parties acknowledge that no further extensions of this Agreement are authorized.

Land owner has hereunto signed on this _____ Day of _____, 20_____.

Landowner(s): _____

Landowner(s): _____

Landowner(s): _____

ACCEPTANCE BY NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE:

I _____(Name), _____(Title), being the duly authorized representative of the United States Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, do hereby accept this Agreement extension with respect to the rights and duties of the United States of America.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature

Title

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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