



Real Estate Services
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United States Department of the Interior BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Fort Belknap Agency
158 Tribal Way, Suite B
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Harlem, Montana 59526

FARM/PASTURE BID ADVERTISEMENT 26-01

THE SUPERINTENDENT, FORT BELKNAP AGENCY, announces that sealed bids will be accepted on various tracts of land for farm pasture lease to begin on January 1, 2027. These leases will be subject to all terms and conditions in use at this agency. Each lease is subject to one-time administrative fee that is 3% of the annual rent.

If you intend to exercise "Owner's Use" on tracts advertised within this bid, you must submit a written request to the Superintendent, Fort Belknap Agency. Your request will be reviewed to determine if it meets all the stipulations required for owner's use. This applies to trust land only. Lessees are responsible for contacting negotiating a lease with the owner(s) of any full interest of undivided fee (patent in fee) interests within the tract(s) that they bid on for lease.

Lessees are not allowed to pasture outside cattle on tracts that are designated as pastureland. The lessee must be the owner of the livestock. Aftermath grazing will be assessed separately and must be requested on bid sheet. Bidder is responsible for access to the tract(s).

If you currently have an outstanding debt with United States government, you are ineligible for bidding.

When bidding, please use the attached bid sheet and place your bid on the bid sheet by the item number and your per acre bid amount. If you note any errors, please refer to the tract number.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. (**local time**) on **October 1, 2026**. You must include 100% of the total cash bid. If these tracts are within the Irrigation Unit, a 100% bond must also be submitted. Accepted only are certified checks, cashier's checks, or money orders made payable to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Mark clearly on your bid, "**FARM/PASTURE BID ADVERTISEMENT 26-01**". The Superintendent reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bid advertisement 26-01 will be held at the BIA Superintendents Conference Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Real Estate Services with the Leasing Department at 406-353-4004.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Azure

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Superintendent



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NOTICE OF SALE 2026-01

(BIDS & BID OPENING FOR FT. BELKNAP AGENCY)

SEALED BIDS will be accepted until 10:00 am (local time) on October 1, 2026 and opened to public for the leasing of tracts with leases expired 2025 and 2026.

Packets for the 2026-01 Farming and Grazing Lease Advertisement are available at the Fort Belknap Agency, **158 TRIBAL WAY, SUITE B, 100 BIA ROAD, HARLEM, MONTANA 59526**. *If you would like a packet emailed, please contact Real Estate Services with the Leasing Department at 406-353-2903.*

For information regarding the location of the tracts offered for lease, land classification maps, AUMS, etc., please contact the Division of Natural Resources, Rocky Mountain Regional Office at (406) 247-7946, Monday through Friday.

The advertisement will be conducted in accordance with 25 CFR 162.

1. Bids will be considered for farm, farm-pasture, and grazing leases on tracts and for terms as listed on the schedule commencing *January 1, 2027*. Bid for each tract must be shown in total cash sum represented by the price per acre for the acreage of each land use type. If it is determined that a discrepancy exists, as listed in the schedule, in any of the tracts, such as acreage or amount, the sum will be automatically adjusted up or down based on the actual acreage.
2. Envelopes of Bids submitted the day of the bid Opening will be stamped at the office of the Superintendent by the Secretary. **NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 A.M. THE DAY OF THE BID OPENING.**
3. All bids must be addressed to: **Superintendent, Ft. Belknap Agency, 158 Tribal Way, Suite B 100 BIA Road, Harlem, MT 59526** no later than **10 am, October 1, 2026**.
4. Bidders must use the attached bid form and fill out appropriate columns according to the item information and bid amount per acre. Address information on bid sheet must be legible and complete. The Superintendent, Ft. Belknap Agency, reserves the right to reject any bid with discrepancies between the bids per acre and total annual rental. Additional bid forms may be obtained at the BIA Office and/or Land Management in the Tribal Building.
5. All leases will be for a period of 5 years. Terms may be adjusted accordingly to ensure uniformity of the lease contracts administered by this agency.
6. Successful bidders must submit the following:
 - Operator Management Plan,
 - Farm Plan
 - and/or Common Use Agreement (if applicable)
 - Brand Certifications

- Most recent Trichomoniasis Foetus Test Certification for your bulls.
7. A bond is required to secure leases awarded as specified in CFR 162.234(A)

If you currently have an outstanding federal debt on Indian Agricultural Land, no future leases or permits will be issued until all outstanding agricultural debts are paid per 25 CFR 166.421.

The Superintendent reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informality or technical defects in the bids received whenever such rejections or waiver is in the interest of the Fort Belknap Indian Community and the United States. The Superintendent further reserves the right, with the consent of the Fort Belknap Indian Community and subject to payment of reasonable damages, if any, to grant rights-of-way and prospecting permits on or across the leased land during the term of the lease. The Superintendent may mediate the lease to clarify or correct errors without Ft. Belknap Indian Community's approval. Superintendent will modify in writing any modifications of Tribal leases to the FBIC Land Management Department.

INGRESS AND EGRESS: Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Ft. Belknap Indian Community does not guarantee ingress or egress to and from the trust property included in the advertisement. Where ingress and egress are necessary on lands in the vicinity of the tracts listed in the advertisement, the successful bidder must secure their own ingress and egress.

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