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Natural Resources
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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Great Plains Regional Office
115 Fourth Avenue SE, Suite 400
Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401

Dear Landowners, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Permittees and Other Interested Parties:

We have decided to keep the 2027 grazing rental rate on allotted lands within range units on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation at \$18.47 per Animal Unit Month (AUM) for the minimum yearlong grazing rental rate of pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 166.408. On July 16, 2026, we solicited comments from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, grazing unit permittees, and Indian trust landowners. Some comments were received and considered. This grazing rental rate is for allotted lands in all permits where the landowners have not established their own grazing rental rate.

We followed the weighted Olympic average process implemented in 2010. The decision for Cheyenne River Indian Reservation allotted lands grazing rental rate for 2027 between \$18.47 per Animal Unit Month (AUM), the present rate, and \$19.20 per AUM, the present rate adjusted by the calculated weighted Olympic average percentage of 3.97 percent. The weighted Olympic average change is calculated from the annual United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS) county level cash rent rates. This information is in the enclosed table, *Grazing Rental Rates for Cheyenne River 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). We considered the livestock market, land prices, climate, and other factors influencing grazing rental rates in our decision as well as comments received.

Our decision to keep the grazing rental rate for allotted lands on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation at \$18.47 per AUM may be appealed to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

A copy of this decision is being provided to each known interested party in accordance with 25 C.F.R. § 2.104(a). Copies of this decision are being provided to ensure that each interested party is made aware of the decision being issued. Interested parties are not required to take any further action; however, any interested party that wishes to appeal this decision may do so in accordance with the appeal instructions provided herein.

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

This decision may be appealed by any person or entity who is adversely affected by the decision. Any party who wishes to seek judicial review of this decision must first exhaust administrative remedies. Appeals must be submitted to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) at the following address:

U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Hearings and Appeals
Interior Board of Indian Appeals
801 North Quincy Street, Suite 300
Arlington, Virginia 22203

The appeals process begins when you file with the reviewing official a notice of appeal, complying with the provisions of 25 C.F.R. §§ 2.205–2.207.

Deadline for Appeal. Your notice of appeal must be submitted in accordance with the provisions of 25 C.F.R. § 2.214 within 30 days of the date you receive notice of this decision pursuant to § 2.203. If you do not file a timely appeal, you will have failed to exhaust administrative remedies as required by 25 C.F.R. Part 2. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become effective at the expiration of the appeal period. No extension of time may be granted for filing a notice of appeal.

Appeal Contents and Packaging. Your notice of appeal must comply with the requirements in 25 C.F.R. § 2.214. It must clearly identify the decision being appealed. If possible, attach a copy of this decision letter. The notice and the envelope in which it is mailed should be clearly labeled, “Notice of Appeal.” Your notice of appeal must list the names and addresses of the interested parties known to you and must include a statement certifying that you have sent copies of your appeal to them and to the Federal officials identified in the following paragraph.

Where to Send Copies of Your Appeal. In addition to sending your notice of appeal to the IBIA, you must also send a copy of your notice of appeal to (1) the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, MS-4660-MIB, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240; (2) the Associate Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20240; (3) the Great Plains Regional Director, 115 Fourth Avenue S.E., Suite 400, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401; and (4) each interested party known to you. Your appeal to the IBIA will be governed by the IBIA's regulations at 43 C.F.R. Part 4.

Assistance: If you can establish that you are an enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe and you are not represented by an attorney, you may, within ten days of receipt of this decision, request assistance from this office in the preparation of your appeal. Our assistance is limited to serving your filings on the interested parties and allowing limited access to government records and other documents in the possession of this office. We cannot obtain an attorney for you or act as your attorney on the merits of the appeal.

Should you have any questions, please contact me, at (605) 226-7343, or Todd Hauge, Acting Natural Resources Officer, Division of Natural Resources, at (605) 226-7621, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Director

Enclosure

cc: Superintendent, Cheyenne River Agency