



**Cooperative Agriculture Application  
National Wildlife Refuge System**



**Wheeler and Key Cave National Wildlife Refuges**  
2700 Refuge Headquarters Rd  
Decatur, AL 35603

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Name (Proposal Submitter): \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business or Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  Work  Cell

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Split-Cost Share Information**

*Please provide the percentage of farmed acres you would be willing to leave for the refuge's share as rent for the corresponding Farm Unit(s) in the space(s) provided below (see map in Public Notice). If you are not bidding on a particular farm unit, leave that space blank. Minimum allowable percentage for refuge share is 20%.*

Farm Unit: _____	Refuge Share Amount (%): _____
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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Current Pesticide Applicator's License:  Yes  No (Check One) Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Describe your experience in farming (including number of years) or other related experience:

2) Describe your experience using pesticides, scouting capabilities, and the ability to timely control weeds, insects and diseases:

3) *Please describe what in-kind services you are willing to assist the Refuge with in conducting a successful cooperative agriculture program (e.g. mowing, disking, erosion mitigation, levee construction, dirt moving):*

4) *List all available equipment in good working condition, for example harvesters, tractors, implements, trucks & trailers.*

*Equipment:*

*Personnel available:*

5) *Please provide contact information for the last three landowners or managers you have worked with and indicate if you are willing to accommodate a visit to prior to beginning operations.*

6) *Describe your experience specific to farming on National Wildlife Refuges or comparable conservation lands:*

7) *Distance of farming operations to Wheeler NWR or Key Cave NWR:*

*Attach additional sheets if necessary or use space below:*

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**Certification:** I hereby certify that I have read and, if selected, agree to the permit conditions listed in the bid package. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reserves the right to reject any or all bids. I further certify that the information submitted in this bid sheet is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

**Authority:** The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4).

**Purpose:** To collect the applicant's information to process permits allowing for commercial activities such as: guiding hunters, anglers or other outdoor users; commercial filming; agriculture; rental of cabins and trapping while on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

**Routine Uses:** The information will be used by the refuge's administrative office for processing Commercial Activity Special Use permits. More information about the routine uses maybe found in the Systems of Records Notice, FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits.

**Disclosure:** Providing the information is voluntary. However, submission of information is required to process and approve commercial activity usage on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

### PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is required to obtain or retain a benefit; however, failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the Special Use Permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001). According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this information collection and assigned control number 1018-0102.

### ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

The public reporting burden for this information collection varies based on the requested specific refuge use. We estimate the relevant public reporting burden for the Commercial Activity Special Use Permit Application form to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email to [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please do not send your completed form to this address.