NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS FOR GRAZING AT PITCHFORK RANCH UNIT, LYON COUNTY

The Walker Basin Conservancy (Conservancy) intends to award a new contract through this Request for Proposal (RFP) for grazing at the Pitchfork Ranch Unit of the Walker River State Recreation Area in Lyon County to complement conservation and stewardship activities at the property.

RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS: Bids will be accepted on a price per AUM basis.

Your Proposal must be submitted electronically to grazingbids@walkerbasin.org and must be received by 2 p.m. PST on August 10, 2021.

Your Proposal Bonds must be mailed to the Walker Basin Conservancy Reno office, and received prior to the bid notification date of August 24, 2021.

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Reno, NV 89503

The selected bidder will be notified no later than August 24, 2021.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

The Pitchfork Ranch Unit of the Walker River State Recreation Area is located in Lyon County Nevada. The Conservancy wishes to utilize limited grazing to promote plant diversity, reduce weed load, and minimize fire hazard in accordance with the Conservancy’s mission to reestablish and maintain drought tolerant, self-sustaining plant communities within the WRSRA. The Conservancy will make available grazing for up to 30 AUM during the winter season (Nov. 1-Mar. 1) each year. If further grazing is deemed beneficial, Conservancy staff may make more AUMs available.

DURATION OF Contract: The Conservancy will accept proposals for a two (2) season grazing contract. It is anticipated that the lease will be effective beginning November 1, 2021 and terminate on March 1, 2023. This term may be extended to meet management goals and at the Conservancy’s discretion.

RFP INFORMATION PACKETS: RFP information packets are available through our website http://www.walkerbasin.org or:

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SELECTION PROCESS: All responses will be evaluated for form and content in accordance with the requirements of this Solicitation by a Lessee Evaluation Committee. The Lessee Evaluation Committee will evaluate and score each eligible proposal pursuant to the point system and selection criteria as described in the Proposal Instructions and the Proposal Evaluation Criteria and Form. Proposals not containing all of the items requested in the Lease Proposal form may be rejected.