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Outdoor Heritage Fund Status and Final Report Form/Guidelines

This report is used to show progress of grant projects funded through the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Status Reports and the Final Report must be submitted as required in Contract.

Contract Number 001-017	Report Date Nov. 30 2014	Period Covered by Report (June 2, 2014 to October 31, 2014)
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Project Name
North Dakota Game and Fish Dept. Outdoor Heritage Habitat Initiative

Project Sponsor Name
North Dakota Game and Fish Dept.

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)	Responsible Official's Title
Kading, Kevin J.	Private Lands Section Leader

Project Sponsor Address
100 N. Bismarck Expressway

City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number
Bismarck,	ND	58501	701-328-6371

Financial Update

Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:

Funds Spent this Reporting Period

(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)

Match Funding

\$85,429.35 (Save Our Lakes)

\$20,086.66 (PLOTS access)

\$11,183.56 (PLOTS - indirect)

In-kind Funding

\$0 No in-kind included in the proposal

OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$200,000 (minus \$190,000 provided upfront upon execution of agreement) = total requested for reimbursement this period is \$10,000.

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$316,699.57

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$ same as above

In-kind Funding \$ same as above

OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$ NA

Total Funding Expended to Date \$ same as above

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$616,300.43

NOTE: Grant award was reduced from \$2M to \$1.9M. Match amount may vary from original proposal.

In-kind Funding \$0

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$1,700,000

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$1,900,00

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain

 Yes NoWork Completed during Period Covered by Report:

(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

The \$1.9M grant was divided out between the Save Our Lakes (SOL) program and the PLOTS program. \$1.5M was allocated to PLOTS, while the remaining 400,000 was allocated to SOL. The initial proposal indicated that SOL agreements would be between 10 and 20 years and PLOTS agreements would be for 10 years. SOL payments would be made one-time, upfront, while PLOTS payments would be made annually. The only deviation from the original proposal included a slight adjustment to allow a range of 6-10 years for PLOTS agreements to better fit the needs and interests of producers.

Save Our Lakes

Eight SOL agreements totaling 597.66 acres were secured in Emmons, Logan, Morton, Grant and Dickey counties. Seven of these agreements are for ten years, one is for 20 years; payments were issued one-time upfront, for land rental only. OHF funds were used to provide 75 percent of the land rental payment, while SOL funds provided the remaining 25 percent of the payment. Other non-OHF, SOL funds were used to install infrastructure such as fencing and wells and to plant grass on or adjacent to these areas. The main objective of these agreements is to manage riparian systems and important watersheds through an array of practices and methods including managed grazing and/or haying; i.e. reducing the duration, frequency and intensity of grazing or haying along the riparian systems.

PLOTS

11 agreements totaling 3,041 acres were secured in Ransom, Lamoure and Dickey counties. The \$1.5M PLOTS allocation is fully obligated within these agreements. Five of these agreements are 10 years in length; the remaining agreements are 6 years in length. The agreements were all initiated in 2014 but no OHF rental payment was made in 2014; only an access payment was made in 2014 using non-OHF, PLOTS funds. Beginning in 2015, the agreements will receive annual rental payments to be expended from OHF funds. Payments will be made annually in March through the life of the agreement. Many of the agreements contain expiring CRP that was in its final year of contract with USDA; OHF funds provide an annual rental payment to maintain these acres as wildlife habitat and to retain soil and water quality benefits achieved while enrolled in CRP. Through the OHF/PLOTS agreement, uses such as haying and/or grazing is allowed as per a management plan. This is a feature of the PLOTS program that is very well received by producers. In addition to rental payments, OHF funds will be used to provide cost share for seeding 382.8 acres to native grass and another 5.1 acres into a high diversity pollinator planting. Another agreement will be seeding between 70-107 acres of grass depending upon conditions in spring 2015. Finally, another agreement will be seeding between 60-220 acres of grass depending upon conditions in spring 2015.

The agreement between NDGF and the NDIC was not fully executed until June 2014. The Department was concerned that we missed the peak of the field season and that many producers already had made plans for the year. While we did miss out on the window to plant grass for 2014, there was tremendous interest in both the SOL and PLOTS OHF funds. With very little promotion, simply word of mouth between private landowners, networks through county USDA offices and other conservation partners and a few mailings, the \$1.5M of PLOTS OHF funds was fully obligated in agreements in the months of July and August. SOL had similar

success and expended \$200,000 of the \$400,000 in less than one month. It is expected that the remaining SOL funds will be obligated during the next reporting period.

Photos of work completed are welcome (If appropriate, please submit photos of key elements of the project completed or in progress during reporting period) Do not exceed five photos per project report.

Signature of Responsible Official



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