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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 003-047		Report Date 8/1/2015	Period Covered by Report (12/10/2014 to 8/01/2015)
Project Name: Working Wetlands in North Dakota			
Project Sponsor Name: Delta Waterfowl			
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Devney, John, L		Responsible Official's Title Vice President, U.S. Policy	
Project Sponsor Address 1312 Basin Ave			
City Bismarck	State ND	Zip Code 58504	Telephone Number 701-222-8857 EXT 218
<u>Financial Update</u>			
Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:			
<u>Funds Spent this Reporting Period</u>			
(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)			
Match Funding \$1,662.04			
In-kind Funding \$10,736.05			
OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$0			
Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$12,398.09			
<u>Total Funds Spent to Date</u>			
Match Funding \$1,662.04			
In-kind Funding \$10,736.05			
OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$175,000			
Total Funding Expended to Date \$12,398.09			
<u>Balance of Grant Funds</u>			
Match Funding \$128,337.95			
In-kind Funding \$59,263.95			
OHF Funding still to be Requested \$1,575,000			
Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$4,950,000 includes NRCS support			
Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain			
/_/ Yes /x/ No			

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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

The bulk of activities from December through March was administrative work to ensure a smooth and sound application process and provide for an effective project launch. Delta staff worked closely with NRCS staff to ensure that the program meets all of the goals laid out in our application and ensure sound delivery. This entailed numerous meetings as well as presentation to local NRCS offices as well as North Dakota private lands biologists to provide information to private landowners who may be interested in the program.

An application process commenced and was completed in the month of April with the applications handled by county NRCS staff. In all, 121 applications were received for 8,514 acres of wetlands and \$3.209 million in requests just slightly less than double the dollars available for the pilot project. We note that this is a positive signal that the project's core elements (voluntary, incentive based, market payments for wetlands) are well received by North Dakota's farmers.

Since the application deadline, maps have been provided by NRCS offices to Delta Waterfowl for review and approval. This process is still underway and while time consuming and labor intensive, it ensures the core program elements are preserved and also provides key insights as to program design. Delta Waterfowl staff will be contacting all program participants by phone to go over applications and provide another point of contact between the producer and Delta Waterfowl.

It is envisioned that all applications will be reviewed, NRCS local review and outreach to producers and mailing of leases and support materials will occur the month of August/early September. Payments will be made to cooperating producers for 2015 after NRCS completes their annual status review which occurs post-harvest.

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.

Exhibit B

Signature of Responsible Official

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John A. ...', written over a horizontal line.

The project reports shall be provided to the Commission in both electronic and hard-copy formats with permission for unrestricted distribution. The electronic versions shall be in a suitable format for posting on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Commission website.