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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	Report Date	Period Covered by Report (xx/xx/xx to xx/xx/xx)	
008-097	June 27, 2018	01/01/2018 to 05/31/2018	
Project Name Grasslands Enhancement Pilot Project			
Project Sponsor Name Ducks Unlimited			
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)		Responsible Official's Title	
Buyse, Dane Thomas		Biologist - ND	
Project Sponsor Address 2525 River Road			
City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number
Bismarck	ND	58503	O: 701-355-3500 / C: 701-425-4852
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 \$			7,205.19
In-kind Funding \$			0.00
OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$			1,971.86
Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$			9,177.05
Total Funds Spent to Date			
Match Funding \$			20,795.94
In-kind Funding \$			11,588.50
OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$			20,630.68
Total Funding Expended to Date \$			53,015.12
Balance of Grant Funds			
Match Funding \$			113,565.46
In-kind Funding \$			62,731.50
OHF Funding still to be Requested \$			209,369.32
Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$			385,666.28
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 Grasslands Enhancement Pilot Project (GEPP) has been active in Western and Eastern portions of the Bakken shale formation. Activity during the period of this report involved additional outreach with partners and site visits with lessees. Four agreements with lessees enrolled 2,107 acres of public and state school trust land. In addition to the agreement acres there are an additional 1,343 acres directly adjacent to one of the tracts of state school trust land which will benefit from the installation of water and cross fencing. At the time of this reporting period approximately 50% of the funds have been allocated to projects. Another five agreements on state school trust land are also in the process of establishing an agreement.

Two 640 acre tracts of state school trust land were enrolled and will be provided critical water resources and cross-fencing infrastructure to allow for enhanced grazing management. Drought was an issue this past year in much of the state and the option to implement reliable water resources this upcoming year was greatly appreciated by lessees. Well drillers seem to be very busy in the state which is great to hear, but means an increased wait time on getting wells drilled. Two Waterfowl Production area projects have also been completed which include a 747 acre grazing system on the Koenig WPA and a 36 acre grass seeding on the Regstad WPA. These systems provide lessees with additional grazing opportunities and provide additional recovery time on private lands. A bird survey completed in July 2017 on one of the State School Trust Land tracts revealed 58 different bird species.

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.



Grass Planting on Regstad WPA



Foreground – No grazing has produced a Kentucky bluegrass monoculture
Background – Grazed WPA with diverse grasses and forbs



Koenig WPA - Lessee's cattle grazing to enhance wildlife habitat

Signature of Responsible Official

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Signature of Responsible Official

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