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Please download this Word document (available on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund Program website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm>) to your computer and provide the information as requested. You are not limited to the spacing provided. After completing the report, save it and attach it to an e-mail and send it to outdoorheritage@nd.gov AND print it and mail it to: North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505. If you are unable to scan attachments, mail them with your paper copy of the report. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your report and attachments.

Outdoor Heritage Fund Status Report Form

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)
009-112	4/20/18	10/31/17 – 4/20/18

Project Name
Grand Forks County Prairie Management Toolbox

Project Sponsor Name
National Audubon Society, Inc., DBA Audubon Dakota

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)	Responsible Official's Title
Johnson, Marshall	V.P., Executive Director

Project Sponsor Address
118 N Broadway, Ste. 716

City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number
Fargo	ND	58102	701-298-3373

Financial Update

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

To date, the Grand Forks County Prairie Management Toolbox has 5 engaged landowners that will utilize the Toolbox for grazing infrastructure support, prairie restoration, and invasive woody vegetation removal. Landowner agreements are being completed now and once they have been finalized, 1,971 acres will be impacted and \$23,236.25 will be expensed to the grant award in the near term.

Funds Spent this Reporting Period

(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)

Match Funding \$ 0
In-kind Funding \$ 2,000
OHF Funding **Requested for Reimbursement \$0**
Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$2,000

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$0
In-kind Funding \$2,000
OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$0
Total Funding Expended to Date \$2,000

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$ 84,200
In-kind Funding \$ 43,000
OHF Funding still to be Requested \$121,220

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$248,420

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain
 Yes No

Project implementation was delayed during the winter of 2017 into 2018, but as spring 2018 begins Audubon Dakota and partners have received numerous inquiries and commitments from private landowners in Grand Forks County Prairie. Audubon Dakota is confident that grant dollars associated with grazing infrastructure and prairie restoration expenses will be expensed over the summer of 2018. However, since woody vegetation removal is more effectively performed during plant dormancy, Audubon Dakota would like to request a grant extension to ensure that invasive woody vegetation removal can be completed over the winter of 2018 and early 2019.

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:
(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

Audubon Dakota and partners have been actively promoting the Grand Forks County Prairie Management Toolbox to private landowners within the project area through brochures, NRCS newsletters, newspaper articles, and social media posts. Much interest has been expressed by landowners for each of the services offered through the GFCP Management Toolbox (grazing infrastructure, prairie restoration, and invasive woody vegetation removal), and 5 landowner agreements are currently under development. Each agreement between the landowner and Audubon Dakota contains a non-conversion stipulation that is project specific. For grazing infrastructure and prairie restoration projects, the landowner agrees to keep the project acres in grass for 10 years, while the invasive woody vegetation removal projects have a 5 year non-conversion commitment. Project emphasis has been placed on acres that are currently enrolled in CRP or the private landowners are interested in re-enrolling their acres into CRP.

By the end of 2018, Audubon Dakota and partners aim to impact 1,500 acres of grazing lands through establishing grazing infrastructure, 250 acres through prairie restoration, and 5,000 acres through invasive woody vegetation removal.

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

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.