

Contract No. 009-104
“Southwest Grazing Lands Improvement Project”

Submitted by Pheasants Forever, Inc.

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PARTICIPANTS

Sponsor	Cost Share
Landowners (Cash)	<u>\$116,600.00</u>
Subtotal Cash Cost Share	\$116,600.00
Pheasants Forever, Inc. (in-kind)	\$15,183.00
Landowners (in-kind)	<u>\$28,000.00</u>
Subtotal In-kind Cost Share	\$ 43,183.00
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$216,900</u>
Subtotal OHF funding	<u>\$216,900.00</u>
Total Project Cost	\$376,683.00

Project Schedule – 3 years
Contract Date – 8/19/2017
Start Date – 8/1/2017
Completion Date – 8/1/2020

Project Deliverables:
Status Report: December 31, 2017 ✓
Status Report: June 30, 2018 ✓
Status Report: December 31, 2018 ✓
Status Report: June 30, 2019 ✓
Status Report: December 31, 2019 ✓
Status Report: August 1, 2020* ✓
Status Report: December 31, 2020*
Final Report: August 31, 2021*

*Denotes change from original contract.

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

Installation of grazing systems to promote rotational grazing on approximately 6,000 acres of private land in southwestern North Dakota. Grazing systems will include cross fencing, pipelines and water facilities. Goal is for 5 to 10 grazing systems. Grass plantings include costs for site preparation, seed and drilling operation and will be completed following NRCS practice standards for Forage and Biomass and Range Plantings. Goal is for 5 to 10 grass plantings.

The applicant requested funding in the amount of \$232,083. The amount awarded was \$216,900 with the stipulations that no Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars be used for salaries or incentive payments to landowners and all improvement costs to be cost shared with a minimum cost share of 40% by the recipient.

STATUS:

The contract has been executed.

The 12/31/2017 status report has been received and states in part:

After the agreement was signed and fully executed a program application and contract (copies of the program application and contract are posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) website along with the status report) were developed. These documents were reviewed and approved by contract specialist with Pheasant Forever’s National Office. These documents were then provided to applicable partners to share with farmers and ranchers within the project area. The ND State Coordinator has also

shared these documents with interested landowners within the project area. The ND State Coordinator completed a site visit to McKenzie County with a potential applicant for grass planting. We currently have a Morton County producer interested in a grazing system for 655 acres, but the producer has not yet signed the application. We anticipate activity and interest to increase during the late winter and early spring when planning for field work increases. Pheasants Forever has acknowledged the contributions of the Outdoor Heritage Fund to this project by including the OHF logo on all application and promotion materials.

6/30/2018

A total of five SWGLIP contracts have been signed with landowners in southwest North Dakota. Two projects have completed the on-the-ground work prior to the reporting period end (6/15/2018) and payments have now been completed (7/25/2018). The remaining three projects are in the process of completing on the ground work. The remaining three projects are anticipated to be completed prior to the next report. We currently have a total of \$66,203.40 in OHF grant funds obligated through the three yet to be completed signed contracts. Grazing system acres planned under the signed contracts equals 3,331 acres improved and 514.5 acres of grass plantings have been completed. In our proposal we set a goal of completing 500 acres of grass planting. We have exceeded this goal but will continue to work with landowners interested in new grass plantings. Pheasants Forever continues to share this funding opportunity with interested landowners and partners. Signed contracts are for land located in McKenzie, Grant, Bowman and Morton Counties.

Report on Completed Deliverables:

Number of Grazing Systems Planned:	3
Acres of Grazing System Planned:	3,331.1
Number of Grazing Systems Completed:	0
Acres of Grazing Systems Completed:	0
Number of Grass Plantings Planned:	0
Acres of Grass Planting Planned:	0
Acres of Grass Planting Completed:	514.5
Applicants Interested in PLOTS:	1
Applicants Interested in Landowner-Sportsman Council Signs:	0

Pheasants Forever continues to recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund and the work completed in partnership with our 3,700 members and 1,100 followers on social media. Pictures are available in the full report.

12/31/2018

Since the last reporting period two additional SWGLIP contracts have been signed, for a total of seven signed contracts. Of the seven contracts, four have been completed and reimbursements requested. To date we have expended \$105,190.65 of the \$376,683.00 total project cost and have requested a total of \$52,751.62 in Outdoor Heritage Funds. The three signed, but uncompleted contracts have an estimated total project cost of \$81,874.84.

Report on Completed Deliverables (project-to-date):

Number of Grazing Systems Planned:	2
Acres of Grazing System Planned:	2047.1
Number of Grazing Systems Completed:	1
Acres of Grazing Systems Completed:	1,244.0
Number of Grass Plantings Planned:	1

Acres of Grass Planting Planned:	171.4
Number of Grass Plantings Completed:	3
Acres of Grass Planting Completed:	539.5
Applicants Interested in PLOTS:	1
Applicants Interested in Landowner-Sportsman Council Signs:	0

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6/30/2019

One additional SWGLIP contract has been signed and a new application has been received. The SWGLIP project has a total of eight signed contracts. Of the eight contracts, four have been completed and reimbursements requested. The SWGLIP has two additional contracts where the practice has been completed, but payments have not been issued, so they are not counted in our “completed contracts” count. To date we have expended \$106,619.99 of the \$376,683.00 total project cost. We have a total of \$52,936.70 in funds that are obligated to signed contracts, which have yet to be completed. We anticipate additional contracts to be signed this summer.

Report on Completed Deliverables (project-to-date):

Number of Grazing Systems Planned:	3
Acres of Grazing System Planned:	3,467.0
Number of Grazing Systems Completed:	1
Acres of Grazing Systems Completed:	1,244.0
Number of Grass Plantings Planned:	2
Acres of Grass Planting Planned:	176.7
Number of Grass Plantings Completed:	3
Acres of Grass Planting Completed:	539.5
Applicants Interested in PLOTS:	1
Applicants Interested in Landowner-Sportsman Council Signs:	0

12/31/2019

Since last reporting period three additional projects were completed for a total of 1607.7 acres impacted. Currently, there are six signed contracts that have practices planned, but not yet completed. Those six contracts currently have \$98,293.11 in OHF funds obligated. We anticipate a majority of this work will be completed in 2020. We also anticipate additional applications in the spring of 2020.

Report on Completed Deliverables (project-to-date):

Number of Grazing Systems Planned:	4
Acres of Grazing System Planned:	3,940.9
Number of Grazing Systems Completed:	2
Acres of Grazing Systems Completed:	2,675.0
Number of Grass Plantings Planned:	1
Acres of Grass Planting Planned:	25.0
Number of Grass Plantings Completed:	5
Acres of Grass Planting Completed:	716.2
Applicants Interested in PLOTS:	1
Applicants Interested in Landowner-Sportsman Council Signs:	0

A no-cost extension has been requested due to wet weather. This request has been granted.

8/1/2020

Since last reporting period we have had two additional projects completed for an additional 1,443.90 acres impacted by the Southwest Grazing Lands Improvement Project. There are currently four signed contracts that have practices currently being implemented, but not yet complete. Those four contracts account for an additional 3,361 acres and \$104,132.40 in obligated OHF funds. We anticipate the work required to complete the four signed contracts will be completed by the fall of 2020.

Report on Completed Deliverables (project-to-date):

Number of Grazing Systems Planned:	4
Acres of Grazing System Planned:	3,361.9
Number of Grazing Systems Completed:	3
Acres of Grazing Systems Completed:	4,094.90
Number of Grass Plantings Planned:	0
Acres of Grass Planting Planned:	0.0
Number of Grass Plantings Completed:	6
Acres of Grass Planting Completed:	740.2
Applicants Interested in PLOTS:	2
Applicants Interested in Landowner-Sportsman Council Signs:	0

Pictures available in the full report.

Dated 8/25/2020