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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.

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<td>June 24, 2021</td>
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**Project Name**
Grasslands Enhancement Pilot Project

**Project Sponsor Name**
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

**Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) / Responsible Official’s Title**
Buysse, Dane Thomas / Regional 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:

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Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension?  // Yes /x/ No

If yes, please explain:

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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 made significant progress in the spring of 2021 with 1 rural water connection, 4 wells drilled and another well currently being drilled as of the date of this report. GEPP has projects on over 7,500 acres across the Bakken region Northeast of the Missouri River. The lands enrolled in GEPP are being managed as rotational grazing systems from the implementation of water systems and cross fence. These water resources are increasingly more important as lessees are seeing very little surface water on pastures. The water systems are saving lessees many hours of hauling water to pastures and providing some relief during this drought period. GEPP was designed specifically for times like these and lessees with water systems are very thankful for having the infrastructure in place. Additional forage left over from 2020’s rotational grazing is providing valuable soil armor in the spring of 2021. This additional forage provides excellent nesting cover for birds, reduces evaporation and moderates soil temperatures for soil biology. Individual project updates are listed below.

- L. Sorenson project had difficulty finding water and is being re-evaluated by the well driller.
- Faulkner project connected with a well driller and the well has been drilled. Waiting on solar system and water tank installation.
- Reum project has new water system built and being installed in the next couple of weeks.
- Fylling project has well drilled and pipeline installed. Tank install yet to be completed.
- Rockeman project has been completed and is being managed as a rotational grazing system.
- Becker project has water well drilled and tank on site. Waiting for solar system to be installed.
- Nelson project on-site cultural review has been completed and waiting on final cultural report to move forward.
- Gahner project will be installed this summer. Contractor has been lined up. Includes rural water, water tank and cross fence.
- T. Sorenson project is being drilled this week. Cross fence and water tank are also planned for the project after well drilling.
- Chrest project is under on-site cultural review and waiting for the final report to move forward.

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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.

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