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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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**Project Name**  
**Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project**

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

**Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)**  
**Gue, Tanner**

**Responsible Official’s Title**  
**Manager of Conservation Programs – ND**

**Project Sponsor Address**  
**2525 River Road**

**City**  
**Bismarck**

**State**  
**ND**

**Zip Code**  
**58503**

**Telephone Number**  
**701-355-3592**

**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? /X/ Yes  / / No

If yes, please explain:

As established with Deputy Executive Director, this grant period will be extended until at least 12/31/2023. Although we have obligated 100% of the OHF’s funding for 30 CCLIP1 projects and spent more than half of those funds, we anticipate delayed completion date of some infrastructure development on remaining projects. Exceptional drought conditions have delayed well driller’s schedules. We also anticipate delayed cover crop plantings due to the drought. Additionally, availability and cost of grazing infrastructure supplies have also delayed completion of planned projects. Remaining flexible with cooperating landowners will be imperative for successful, long term adoption of regenerative conservation practices.

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The Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project (CCLIP) was designed to provide North Dakota farmers and ranchers with the financial assistance needed to kick-start sustainable agricultural practices that meet their operational goals and diversify their operations while improving soil health, water quality, grassland health, and wildlife habitat. Interest in the program remains very strong.

During this reporting period alone, Ducks Unlimited biologists have worked directly with more than 5 different farmers and ranchers interested in CCLIP. We are pleased to report that 100% ($625,394.90/ $625,394.90) of awarded funds are currently obligated to 30 different CCLIP agreements for grazing infrastructure and cover crop seed costs. Infrastructure development has been completed on 13 projects while the remaining 17 projects are currently underway.

Expected direct benefits of the 30 projects include enhancement of approximately 6,519.6 acres of cropland (123% of goal: 6,519.6 / 5,280) and 11,029.3 acres of adjacent grasslands (580% of goal: 11,029.3 / 1,900).

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.

Figure 1: Thanks to the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund and CCLIP1, this Wells County landowner had the opportunity to aerial seed a multi-species cover crop on standing beans for grazing after the beans were harvested. These kinds of rotations improve plant species diversity, feed a comparatively diverse soil microbe population, reduce feed costs for cattle, improve overall soil health and functionality, and increase rest and recovery time on perennial pasture.

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Figure 2: Ducks Unlimited and cooperating landowners continue to publicly acknowledge the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund's funding of CCLIP1 projects in several ways. For example, willing landowners have placed signs like these in areas of high visibility to all passersby. In addition to feeding soil microbes and cattle, diverse cover crops also provide food sources for wildlife. This hunter had a fun day!

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Figure 3: Ducks Unlimited’s team of biologists and agronomists continue to help willing landowners monitor their soil health accomplishments on CCLIP1 project sites. Here, Ducks Unlimited’s agronomist conducts a water infiltration test in a recently grazed cover crop field.

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