

The North Dakota Industrial Commission, consisting of Gov. Doug Burgum, Attorney General Drew Wrigley and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, approved \$2.3 million in Outdoor Heritage Fund matching grants. This program is funded solely by oil and gas production tax revenue. The Outdoor Heritage Fund was established in 2013 to provide grants for projects that enhance outdoor conservation practices in the state.

The approved Outdoor Heritage Fund projects include:

- \$750,000 to the Mule Deer Foundation for Western Big Game Connectivity and Habitat Fragmentation where they will construct 60+ miles of wildlife-friendly fencing in Western, ND
- \$220,177 to the North Dakota Petroleum Foundation to plant 340,000 trees across North Dakota
- \$635,000 to Audubon Great Plains for North Dakota Grazing Management Toolbox which gives financial assistance to landowners to improve grassland habitat on 7,500 acres
- \$762,500 to North Dakota Natural Resources Trust for Working Grasslands Partnership 7 which gives cost-share for landowners for transition of CRP acres to grazing

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