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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.

Contract Number	Report Date	Period Covered by Report (01/01/2016 to 12/31/16)
002-003	12/31/2016	

Project Name
North Dakota Pollinator Partnership

Project Sponsor Name
Pheasants Forever

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)	Responsible Official's Title
Olson, Matthew P	ND Regional Representative

Project Sponsor Address
504 Jackson Ave E 103

City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number
Lisbon	ND	58054	(701) 202-8120

Financial Update

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

Funds Spent this Reporting Period

(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)

Match Funding \$ 47,192 Total Match (\$ 35,394 NRCS; \$ 11,798 Landowners)

In-kind Funding \$ 2,475.93 (Pheasants Forever)

OHF Funding **Requested for Reimbursement** \$ 3,825.92

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$ 71,868.85

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$ 56,362 (\$ 42,271.50 NRCS; \$ 14,090.50 Landowners)

In-kind Funding \$ 6,234.37 (Pheasants Forever)

OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$ 24,258.82

Total Funding Expended to Date \$ 86,855.19

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$ 56,362 Total Spent, \$23,638 Remaining

In-kind Funding \$ 6,234.37 Total Spent, \$ 32,894.63 Remaining

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$0.00 \$3,825.92 Requested this period; \$149,491.18 remaining

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$ 86,855.19

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain

Yes No

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

Through the course of the North Dakota Pollinator Partnership grant (October 2014-December 2016), we have successfully delivered 6 pollinator plantings in 6 different counties across North Dakota on lands enrolled in the Wetlands Reserve Program. We were able to deliver 509.4 acres of new pollinator habitat through this grant made possible by the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

We renovated 20 acres of low quality habitat to high diversity plantings on 2 contracts. One site was grazed in the fall, then sprayed with glyphosate later in the fall, then sprayed again with glyphosate in the spring and then planted. The other site was sprayed in the fall, then disked down in the spring, then sprayed again with glyphosate prior to planting. The other 4 contracts totaling 489.4 acres were all new plantings seeded into cropland stubble. These sites were sprayed with glyphosate prior to being planted. We had one site where additional acres were planted in the fall due to wet conditions but all the rest were seeded in the spring of the year.

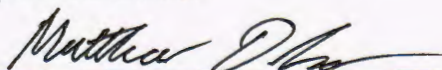
Of all of the contracts serviced, 3 of them provide access to sportsmen. Two of the WRP contracts are enrolled in the North Dakota Game and Fish Department PLOTS program totaling 559.1 acres and the other contract has been turned into a Wildlife Management Area managed by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and that one totals 616.9 acres. All together that equals 1,176 acres of habitat that will be open to hunting moving forward that contains high diversity, pollinator friendly species. All of these sites are also located within 2 miles of a honeybee apiary to help provide foraging habitat for honeybees; as well as providing forage for migratory species of pollinators like butterflies and bumblebees, as well as other species.

All of the seed mixes for the plantings were designed in coordination with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and meet their standards and specifications. The species chosen were designed to meet the soil suitability of each site. All of these mixes have at least three species in bloom throughout the year to meet the pollen needs of honeybees and other pollinator species. Partners in the North Dakota Pollinator Partnership include; Pheasants Forever, the North Dakota Industrial Commission and the Outdoor Heritage Fund, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, the American Foundation for Wildlife, and several private landowners enrolled in the Wetlands Reserve Program.

Throughout the time period of this grant we did run into some challenges in delivering this program. Seed availability became a difficult challenge to overcome as many of the local seed dealers ran low on various species during the spring planting season. This forced us to scale back the diversity of some of our plantings leading to an overall decrease in the cost of the seed mixes which lead to us using less Outdoor Heritage Fund grant funds than we had initially anticipated. We also went through a reduction in field staff during the grant time period. At the time when we applied for the grant we had 5 Farm Bill Biologists on staff in NRCS field offices across the state. Currently we no longer have any Farm Bill Biologists located in NRCS offices which has proven difficult to educating people on the program.

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.

Signature of Responsible Official

Matthew Olson 

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.

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