

4042 - Bakken Development and Working Lands Program II

Application Details

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SAM.gov Entity ID Expiration 03/06/2021**Date:****Date:****State Issued ID:****Category #:****Year Begin:****Year Closed:****NCES#:**

Budget

Objective of Grant**Objective of Grant:**

Provide landowners and ranchers the opportunity to diversify and improve their grazing operations, improve vegetation management, improve soil health, and provide recreational opportunities for the public.

Summary**Grant Request:** ~~\$3,337,100.00~~ **\$3,308,100****Matching Funds:** \$3,053,283.00**Total Project Costs:** ~~\$6,390,383.00~~ **\$6,361,383**

You must have at least 25% match

Percentage of Match: ~~47.78%~~ **48%**

Project Expenses

Project Expense Description	OHF Request	Match Share (Cash)	Match Share (In-Kind)	Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
Native Grass Seeding	\$75,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$165,000.00
Grassland Establishment Incentive Payment	\$60,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$120,000.00
Tame Grass Seeding	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$95,000.00
Grassland Fence and Water	\$660,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440,000.00	\$1,115,000.00
Cover Crop Seeding	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00
Agriculture/Energy	\$120,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	\$230,000.00
NDFS National Grasslands Range Improvements	\$1,410,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,365,283.00	\$2,775,383.00
Energy Site Agricultural Restoration	\$750,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
North Dakota Parks and Recreation	\$87,000.00 \$58,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,000.00	\$145,000.00
Contracted Services	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$115,000.00
Staffing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$80,000.00
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Budget Narrative**Budget Narrative:**

Working Agricultural Developments

-OHF will provide 60% cost-share of tame and native grass/forb seed with emphasis on native species, water developments, fencing (primarily cross fencing but will include boundary fence and wildlife friendly fence), and cover crop seed.

-Grassland Establishment Incentive Payments will be available to producers for the length of time to establish a native grass/forb stand, not to exceed 3 years. This incentive is available to landowners who have cropland and desire a land use change to native grassland. The incentive payment rate is \$40/ac and is based on the non-irrigated cropland average rental rate for counties within the scope of the project. Payments will be applied to landowner following signed agreement.

-Agriculture/Energy will include range and grazing system enhancements and best management practices for soil stability and wildlife benefits. Juniper removal to increase grazing land availability and function. OHF grant will provide 60% cost-share for recommended best management practices.

US Forest Service/Grazing Associations

Vegetation management, range improvements, wildlife projects, juniper removal.

Energy Site Agricultural Restoration

Restoration will be completed with landowners to enhance agricultural systems. Non-cash match may also be available from industry to complete the desired earth moving activities. NDDMR is plugging abandoned wells and removing on-site infrastructure. CARES Act funding is not available for contamination off-site and no responsible party exists. OHF and NDDMR funding will provide soil restoration options to the landowner. Restoration will be coordinated by the Trust.

ND Parks and Recreation Department

The Crow Flies High State Recreation Project contains a number of projects that have been identified to enhance a recreational site in western North Dakota to provide greater access to trails and Lake Sakakawea and a greater understanding of the cultural and historical significance of the area. The Three Affiliated Tribes and the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department will coordinate the project. OHF funds will be used for trails and signs.

Contracted Services

Contracted Services will include industry professionals and private consultants with experience in reclamation and earth moving activities, soil health assessments, and grazing practices. All projects will be reviewed by State Historical Society of North Dakota for cultural resources and North Dakota State Historical and Preservation Office approval. If the project requires an on-the-ground cultural review that activity will be outsourced.

All project activities will be selected by interested landowners and certain activities may be more popular than others. Because of this we are asking that this grant provide the flexibility to adjust acreage goals and transfer funding to the activities in which landowners are most interested in participating. The OHF funds and match will remain at the same levels.

Bid Attachments

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
Partnership with US Forest Service and western grazing associations that outline proposed projects and activities	Dakota Prairie Grasslands.pdf	pdf	4 MB	09/08/2020 05:00 PM
ND Parks and Recreation projects and associated benefits	ND Parks Partnership.pdf	pdf	225 KB	09/08/2020 05:02 PM

Match Funding

Match Amount	Funding Source	Match Type
\$75,000.00	North Dakota Natural Resources Trust	Cash
\$75,000.00	North Dakota Natural Resources Trust	In-Kind
\$488,645.00	United States Forest Service	Cash
\$256,000.00	United States Forest Service	In-Kind
\$210,000.00	McKenzie Country Grazing Association	Cash
\$65,523.00	McKenzie County Grazing Association	In-Kind
\$75,215.00	Medora Grazing Association	Cash
\$45,000.00	Medora Grazing Association	In-Kind
\$90,250.00	Little Missouri Grazing Association	Cash
\$50,000.00	Little Missouri Grazing Association	In-Kind
\$12,000.00	Cedar River Cooperative Grazing Association	Cash
\$7,650.00	Cedar River Cooperative Grazing Association	In-Kind
\$20,000.00	National Wild Turkey Federation	Cash
\$45,000.00	United States Forest Service Partners	Cash
\$50,000.00	North Dakota Game and Fish Department	Cash
\$750,000.00	North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources	Cash
\$100,000.00	North Dakota Wildlife Federation	Cash
\$20,000.00	North Dakota Grazing Lands Coalition	In-Kind
\$39,500.00	North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department	Cash
\$18,000.00	North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department	In-Kind
\$555,000.00	Landowners	In-Kind
\$5,000.00	Mercer County Soil Conservation District	In-Kind
\$3,052,783.00		

In-Kind

In-Kind Total: \$75,000.00

Description**Directives**

Major Directive*: Directive B
Choose One

Additional Directive: Directive A, Directive C, Directive D
Choose All That Apply

Type of Agency*: Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation
Choose One

Abstract/Executive Summary

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In partnership with the Outdoor Heritage Fund, the BDWLP II will benefit a broad base of stakeholders, including both surface and mineral owners, energy companies, conservationists, political subdivisions, state and federal agencies and the at-large public within oil producing counties, counties west of the Missouri River, also including Three Affiliated Tribes and Standing Rock Sioux Tribal lands. The primary goal is to restore scattered parcels of marginal or degraded farmland to productive grasslands. As part of this project soil health will be improved and the grassland ecosystem and the agricultural economy will be enhanced throughout the region. Recreational opportunities will also be expanded.

BDWLP II will provide cost-share to support project goals and in some cases, to support stewardship practices that enhance farming and ranching through use of a Grassland Enhancement Incentive Payment (GEIP) which will be based on county NASS rates. GEIP will be available on acres where cropland is being converted to native grassland and is intended to provide a base level of compensation over the time it will take the practice to mature to be agriculturally usable. Once habitat improvement projects are established, generally by year three, and the practice has matured to provide the planned agricultural use, the GEIP will be eliminated.

By working with landowners and energy developers the Trust and our delivery partners will seek to identify additional funding from a network of government and non-government entities. With the guidance of local Soil Conservation Districts and the North Dakota Grazing Lands Coalition, the BDWLP II will address key soil resource and habitat concerns by enhancing and increasing the quantity and quality of grassland cover by supporting the use of rotational grazing systems and modern grassland seeding practices. In addition, the project will support sustainable agriculture systems and improved soil health using cover crops as additional forage for livestock. These practices can prove particularly valuable in drought prone areas.

Through funding from the CARES Act, the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources will be reclaiming and plugging abandoned well sites throughout the project area. Following the removal of infrastructure, the Trust will work with the landowner to restore surrounding land to where it is usable for grassland agriculture and provide a benefit to wildlife. This is a unique opportunity for the Trust, NDDMR, and OHF to collaborate with landowners in the Bakken.

Crow Flies High State Recreation Area is approximately 253 acres of state land located two miles west of New Town in Mountrail County and is managed under the authority of North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) in cooperation with the Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT). NDPRD and TAT propose improvements to trails, and other visitor accommodations which will enhance visitor experience of this remarkably scenic site.

Project Duration

Project Duration*:

Projects will be identified and implemented within five (5) years of project initiation. Funding from the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources will be committed within three (3) years of project initiation.

Narrative

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Briefly summarize your organization's history, mission, current programs and activities. Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement.

Organization Information*:

The Trust was created in 1986 and was originally called the North Dakota Wetlands Trust until 2000. The Trust's mission is to preserve, restore, manage, and enhance wetlands and associated wildlife habitat, grasslands, and riparian areas in the state of North Dakota. The Trust achieves this mission by partnering with agricultural and conservation organizations to promote productive use of private agricultural lands and private property rights that result in enhancement and protection of private lands, to effectively use North Dakota's public lands both for agriculture and recreation, to promote good land use along urban river corridors, and to enhance the state's significant water resources. The Trust helps shape the landscape through its programs and does its best to help shape both public attitude and public policy to support natural resource protection.

The Trust is managed by a six-member board of directors. Three of the directors are appointed by the governor of North Dakota, one by the National Audubon Society, one by the National Wildlife Federation, and one by the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department Director is an ex-officio member. The Trust has an Executive Director and four staff members.

From its inception, the Trust has played a role as facilitator between agricultural and conservation interests. In addition to facilitating and funding sound, on-the-ground conservation of natural resources, its goal is to identify common issues, create dialogue, and resolve conflicts.

Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program.

Identify project goals, strategies and benefits and your timetable for implementation. Include information about the need for the project and whether there is urgency for funding. Indicate if this is a new project or if it is replacing funding that is no longer available to your organization. Identify any innovative features or processes of your project.

Note: if your proposal provides funding to an individual, the names of the recipients must be reported to the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund. These names will be disclosed upon request.

If your project involves an extenuating circumstance to exempted activities please explain.

Purpose of Grant*:

The BDWLP II is intended to meet the surplus demand of BDWLP I and will continue to provide a major opportunity to engage surface owners and oil and gas companies with conservation practices and provide public access opportunities in areas impacted by energy development. At the time of this application, all dollars from the BDWLP I grant have been obligated including 61 landowner contracts resulting in 1,480 acres of tame grass, 1,945 acres of cover crops, and 2,175 acres of native grass plantings. Since June 2020, all new agreement requests for grazing systems have been declined due to lack of funding. The Trust receives new requests on a weekly basis demonstrating that the need for BDWLP II is critical to continue providing these services to landowners.

Goals, Strategies, and Benefits: The goals of the BDWLP II for the region are to: 1) create and enhance working agricultural lands and wildlife habitat throughout the oil producing counties, and in some cases adjacent counties, and throughout the broader landscape; 2) coordinate and facilitate energy site reclamation with landowners to enhance wildlife and agricultural benefits; and 3) enhance ND Parks and Recreation public areas within Three Affiliated Tribes lands.

1. Working agricultural developments. This strategy would provide grassland development and enhancement costs on land within the Bakken and adjacent counties. This will encourage landowners to enroll small irregular parcels into grassland habitat and incorporate landscape-level tracts with grazing development practices or other enhancements. The North Dakota Grazing Lands Coalition and local Soil Conservation Districts will assist landowners in managing these acres and adjacent grasslands while providing best management practice guidelines for livestock grazing. Fencing will be used for new or enhanced rotational grazing systems, as well as fencing for crops (including cover crops) to enhance soil health and rest native grassland pastures. Cost share will be 60/40 between the grant and landowner, and fences will adhere to current NRCS cost share rates. Grass, both native and tame, and cover crops will be designed by natural resources professionals and the landowner. Ag energy sites include those within energy development areas and may include all the above practices to encourage and enhance grazing systems.

2. By providing grazing system infrastructure for these grasslands, producers will have the opportunity to increase the size and efficiency of their grazing operation. Following the installation of infrastructure and implantation of practices we believe that the likelihood that grass remains after the life of the contract will greatly increase since that grazing land will be fully integrated into the livestock producers' operations. Working agricultural developments also includes lands within the North Dakota National Grasslands under the US Forest Service.

3. Energy site reclamation with landowners. Bringing together diverse partnerships will provide opportunities for sites to be restored and benefit the producer through establishing additional livestock forage and land management options, as well as habitat for grassland species. These areas also have the potential to provide public access for hunting, birding, or other recreational opportunities.

4. ND Parks and Recreation Department. Communities would benefit through the development of State Parks and Recreation Areas and outdoor education opportunities. The ND Parks and Recreation State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2018-2022) shows that 88% of households in Divide, Williams, and McKenzie counties, for example, view outdoor recreation as important and 49% of providers report demand exceeds supply.

Improvement of these sites will include trail development, fence, picnic tables, interpretive signs, and vegetation management. However, OHF funds will be used for trail development and signage.

Please list the counties that would be impacted by this project:

Counties*:

Adams,Billings,Bottineau,Bowman,Burke,Divide,Dunn,Golden

Valley,Grant,Hettinger,McHenry,McKenzie,McLean,Mercer,Morton,Mountrail,Oliver,Renville,Sioux,Slope,Stark,Ward,Williams

Is This Project Part of a No

Comprehensive Conservation

Plan?*

If Yes, Please Provide Copy of Plan:

Does Your Project Involve an Extenuating Circumstance?* No

Please Explain:

Provide a description of how you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met. Include a brief background and work experience for those managing the project.

Management of Project*:

The Trust will provide management, coordination, and administration to the BDWLP II grant. The applicants will work collectively to provide landowners with program information to assist program participants.

The Trust will complete all program coordination from our office located in Bismarck, ND. Brenda Newton, Administrative Assistant/Conservation Specialist, Terry Allbee, Biologist/Business Manager, Eric Rosenquist, Conservation Program Coordinator, and Jesse Beckers, Energy Program Manager, will serve as the program coordinators. Trust staff has a combined 45 years of experience and strong track record in delivering similar conservation projects. The Trust will provide tracking and reporting for all project agreements following grant guidelines.

Most direct contacts with landowners will be done by county SCD's, ND Grazing Lands Coalition, as well as promotion by other partners including the Department of Mineral Resources and North Dakota Petroleum Council members. NRCS staff, NDGFD private lands biologists, USFWS Partners Program biologists and U.S. Forest Service staff will also promote projects and work directly with landowners.

As these professionals work with landowners and communities, agricultural infrastructure development options, conservation habitat, and NDGFD PLOTS agreements will be promoted. All grant funds will be paid as agreements and development activities are completed and proper documentation is supplied to the Trust. BDWLP II funding will be provided through continuous enrollment, meaning there will be no batching period and funding stops when the funds are spent. If any evaluation is required to determine the best projects the BAG, in concert with local SCD's, will provide that oversight, utilizing input from other partners as needed. Through the partnership development phase of this grant, numerous projects have already been identified.

Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. Include information on the sustainability of this project after OHF funds have been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

Sustainability*:

BDWLP II is an expansion of the original BDWLP I, and the landowner interest in the program has expanded across the oil producing counties. This project has reached and exceeded our goals both in the number of partners included (both agency and NGO) and acres enhanced through funding provided by OHF. All dollars provided in BDWLP I have been committed to projects and landowners, but the demand for the program and services provided has increased. Partners in BDWLP I have increased their investment in BDWLP II, and new partners have been included in this proposal.

Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested.

Partial Funding*:

Portions of the project could proceed with limited OHF funding. However, the landscape needs and opportunities identified by partners and the interest from landowners has exceeded the original grant, and the Outdoor Heritage Fund can continue this unique partnership and accomplishments.

If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? * There must be signage at the location of the project acknowledging OHF funding when appropriate. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be.

Partnership Recognition*:

The BDWLP II will recognize the OHF partnership in as many opportunities as possible. Those will include, but not be limited to, all interactions with landowners and coordination meetings. The OHF funding will also be recognized in any outreach material both published and electronically like partner web pages. We will use social media in all forms to both advertise the program's availability and tout its successes, noting the key role played by OH funding. Where applicable, signs or other visual material will be placed on site to inform the public of the use of OH funding. The OHF logo will also be included on all agreement materials.

Do you have any supporting documents, such as maps or letters of support that you would like to provide? If so, please provide them in a single file.

Supporting Documents*: Yes

If Yes, Please Provide Copies in a Single File: ATTACHMENTS COMBINED.pdf

Awarding of Grants - Review the appropriate sample contract for your organization. Sample Contract

Can You Meet All the Provisions of the Sample Contract?* Yes

If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be:

Provisions Unable to Meet:

Tasks

Tasks

Task	Start Date	Completion Date
Contractor coordination	01/01/2021	12/29/2023
Energy site restoration	01/01/2021	12/29/2023
Partner correspondence	09/01/2020	12/30/2022
Promotion to landowners	01/01/2021	12/30/2022

Description of Tasks

Please Describe Tasks:

1. Contractors will be needed throughout the life of the project to complete soil testing, archaeological reviews, and earth moving activities.
2. Complete site assessments in coordination with NDDMR and landowners.
3. Constant communications with partners on status of activities, outreach to SCD's, and report writing to OHF.
4. Landowner workshops, shop talks, postcard mailings through SCD's, magazine articles, and convention attendance to promote program and the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

Deliverables

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Deliverable	Quantity	Unit of Measurement, if applicable
Cover Crop	1250.000	Acres
Energy Site Reclamation	100.000	Acres
Grazing Systems	18000.000	Acres
Native Grass	1500.000	Acres
Tame Grass	1900.000	Acres

Certification

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Certification: Yes

Name: Jesse Beckers
First Name Last Name

Title: Energy Program Coordinator
Title

Date: 08/31/2020

Internal Application Number

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Industrial Commission Action

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Date of Commission meeting*:

**Did the Commission approve
funding?***

**If Yes, what is the approved
funding level?:**

Are there any contingencies?*

2020 Outdoor Heritage Fund (Bakken Working Lands) Projects

Dakota Prairie Grasslands



Introduction:

The Dakota Prairie Grasslands is comprised of four National Grasslands encompassing 1,259,000 acres; The Cedar River, the Grand River, the Sheyenne, and the Little Missouri National Grasslands. The Little Missouri National Grassland (LMNG) being the largest at 1,033,271 acres. The LMNG is comprised of two districts the Medora and McKenzie Ranger Districts. The LMNG is located in the counties of McKenzie, Billings, Golden Valley, and Slope.

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A. Pasture 4 & 6 Vegetation Management Project

Pastures 4 and 6 Vegetation Management project area is located on the McKenzie Ranger District of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands in the southcentral part of McKenzie County, North Dakota. The project area encompasses approximately 78,099 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands and about 47,115 acres of state and private lands. The project area includes 20 grazing allotments that are under permit through a grazing agreement between the Forest Service and McKenzie County Grazing Association (MCGA).

This vegetation management project includes prescribed grazing strategies, installation of range infrastructure, and implementation of restoration activities designed to improve vegetation composition, vegetative structure, riparian conditions, wildlife resources, and wooded draw conditions across the project area.

The Pasture 4 & 6 Vegetation Management Project contains a large number of projects that have been identified to improve livestock grazing management and improve grasslands resource conditions across the project area. Due to the large number of projects it is expected that implementation will be ongoing over the next five to ten years. The projects will be prioritized by those projects with the greatest grasslands resource benefit.

The USFS and the McKenzie County Grazing Association and their members are the primary partners for this project.

Other potential partners: State Land Trust Department, North Dakota Game and Fish, the NDSU-Extension Service (Watford City), surrounding private landowners, Rocky Mountain Elk foundation, Mule Deer Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, and the Wild Sheep Foundation.

Project Duration: The project decision was signed June 2020, and implementation is expected to begin spring 2021. Funds would be committed to the projects at that time and would be utilized within three years.

Amount of Grant request: \$340,000

Partner Contributions	Cash/In-Kind Services
USFS (Conservation Practices Funds)	\$130,000 Cash
USFS	\$40,000 In-Kind
McKenzie County Grazing Association	\$130,000 Cash
McKenzie County Grazing Association	\$40,000 In-Kind
Total Cash/In Kind Match	\$340,000

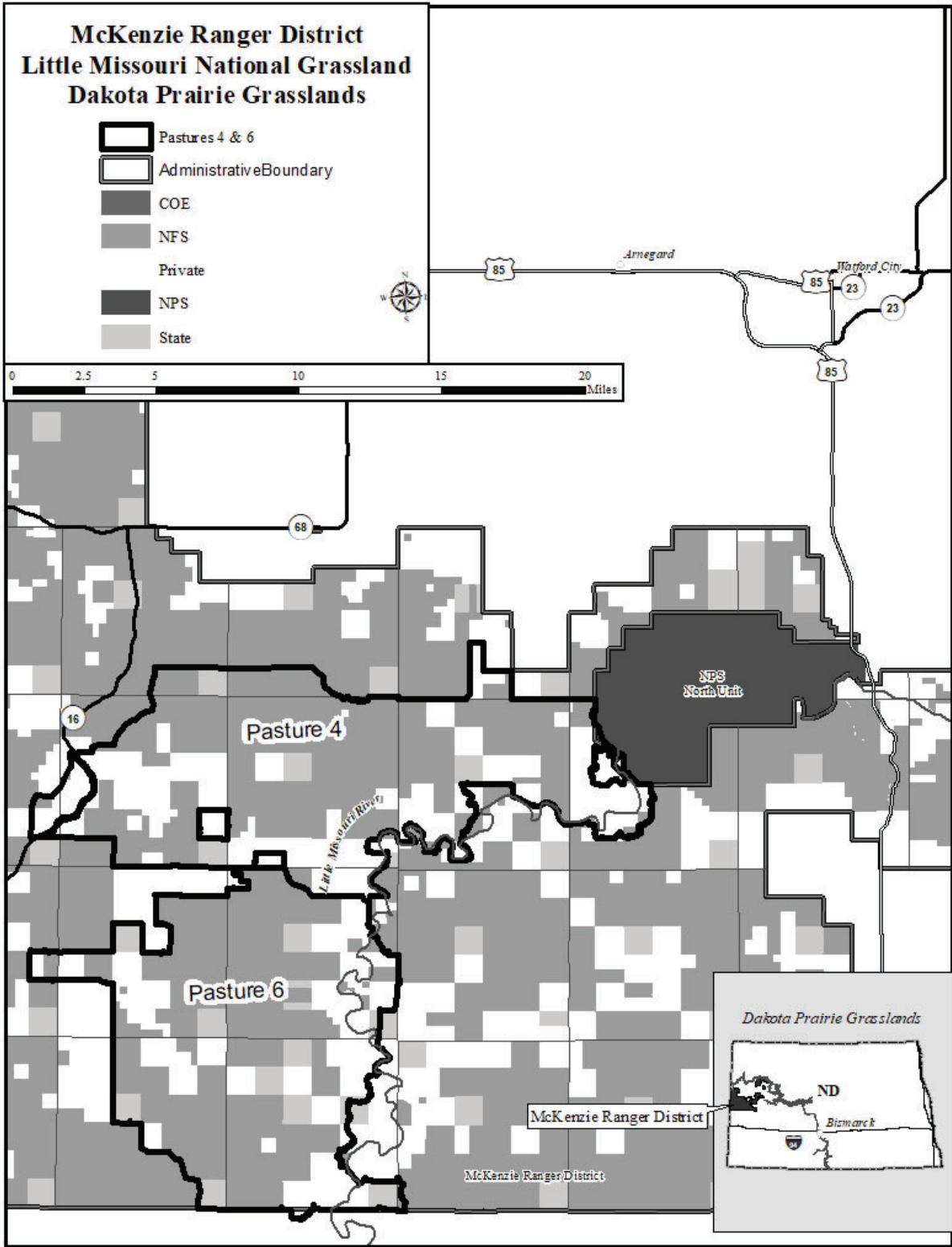
Summary of All Projects in the Pasture 4 and 6 Project Area:

Project Type	Quantity Estimate	Acres Affected	Total Cost
Range Water Pipeline & 35 tanks (2 tank relocation)	178,443 ft	21,225	\$473,290
Permanent and Electric Fence	46,200 ft	10,020	\$94,710
Stock Dam	1	500	\$20,000
Drill Stock Water Well	4		\$80,000
Stock Dam Reclamation	2	1,000	\$10,000
Shelter Belt Development	1	40	\$2,000
Total		31,785	\$680,000

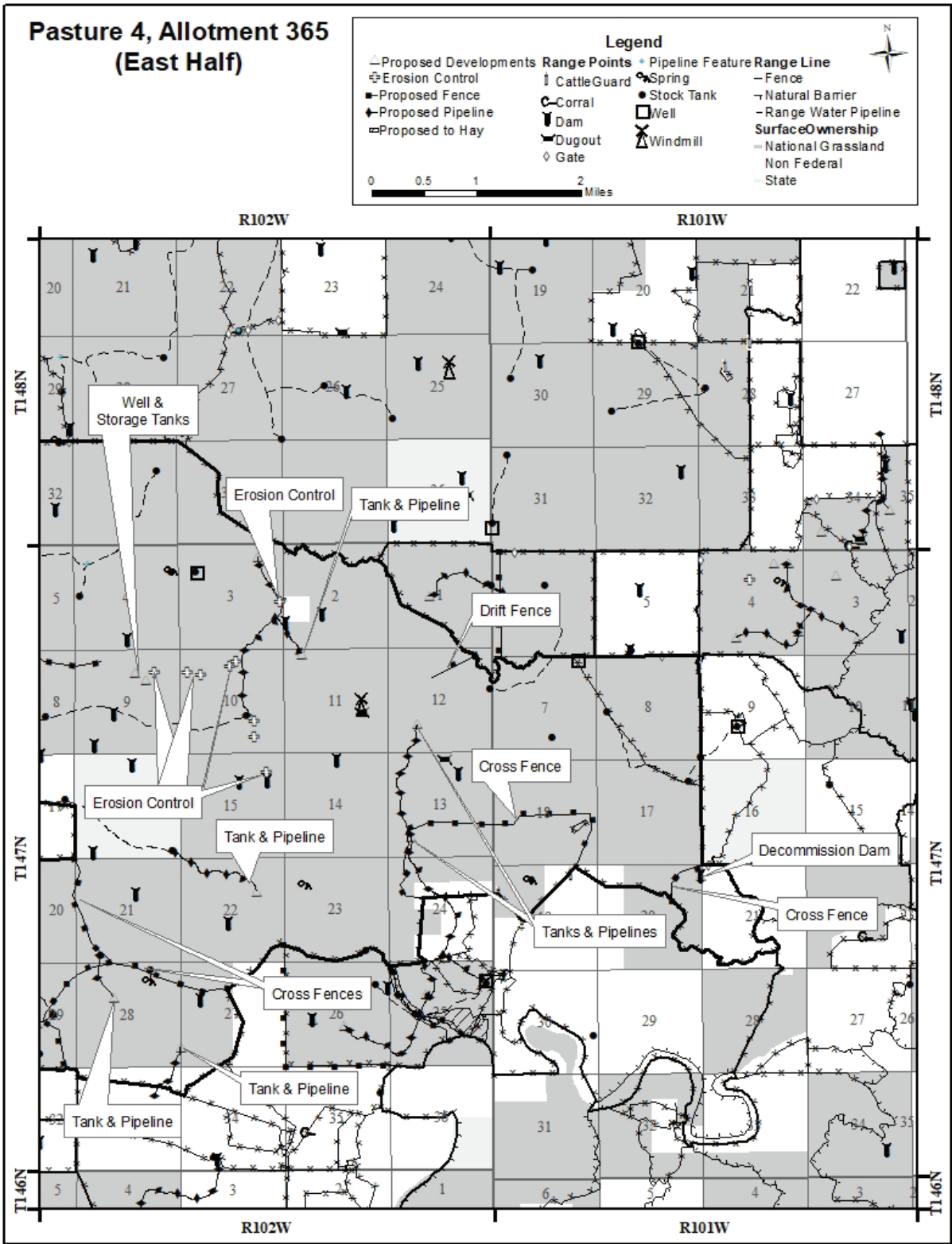
Pastures 4 & 6 Vegetation Management Project: Proposed Initial Actions

Pasutre-Allotment	Project Name	Estimated Footage	Acres Affected	Estimated Project Cost
P4-A365	Pipeline & Stock Tanks Section 31 and 32	6,800	1,000	\$19,300
P4-A365	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 34,	5,300	500	\$13,925
P4-A365	Pipeline & Stock Tanks Section 1 and 2	7,100	1,000	\$19,975
P4-A365	Drill Well Section 7		0	\$40,000
P4-A365	Drill Well Section 9		0	\$40,000
P4-A365	Drift Fence Section 12	2,400	1,000	\$4,800
P4-A367	Pipeline & Stock Tanks Section 25 and 26	13,700	1,000	\$32,825
P4-A367 & 368	Cross Fence Allotment Boundary	11,700	1,000	\$23,400
P4-A367	Cross Fence Cedar Creek Section 25	11,300	200	\$22,600
P4-A368	Pipeline & Stock Tank in Section 4	6,100	500	\$15,725
P4-A371	Pipeline & Stock Tank in Section 34	250	500	\$2,563
P4-A372	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 36	3,600	500	\$10,100
P4-A374	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 29	5,500	500	\$14,375
P4-A375	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 12	725	500	\$3,631
P4-A375	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 1	4,100	500	\$11,225
P4-A375	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 4	5,100	500	\$13,475
P4-A376	Pipeline & Stock Tank SWSE Section 34	6,000	500	\$15,500
P4-A376	Pipeline & Stock Tank NESE Section 34	595	500	\$3,339
P6-A405	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 34	3,100	500	\$8,975
P6-A408	Cross Fence Section 20	5,500	640	\$11,000
P6-A408	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 24	1,400	500	\$5,150
P6-A408	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 20	4,700	500	\$12,575
P6-A409	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 12	6,500	500	\$16,625
P6-A512	Drill well Section 8		0	\$40,000
P6-A512	Drill well Section 15		0	\$40,000
P6-A512	Pipeline & Stock Tank Section 23	5,100	500	\$13,475
P6-A512	Pipeline system & Stock Tanks Section 6, 5, 4, 9, 8	27,900	3,000	\$74,775
P6-A512	Pipeline system & Stock Tanks 17, 7, 18, 16, 21	33,000	3,000	\$86,250
P6-A512	Pipeline system & Stock Tanks 5, 6, 7, 8	23,300	3,000	\$64,425
	Total			\$680,008

Pasture 4 & 6 Vegetation Management Project Area:



Example Allotment Proposed Improvements:



B. Pastures 3 & 5 Vegetation Management Project II

Pastures 3 and 5 Vegetation Management project area is located on the McKenzie Ranger District of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands in the southwest part of McKenzie County, North Dakota. The project area encompasses approximately 79,747 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands and about 33,272 acres of state and private lands. The project area includes 32 grazing allotments that are under permit through a grazing agreement between the Forest Service and McKenzie County Grazing Association (MCGA).

This vegetation management project includes prescribed grazing strategies, installation of range infrastructure, and implementation of restoration activities designed to improve vegetation composition, vegetative structure, riparian conditions, wildlife resources, and wooded draw conditions across the project area. The Pasture 3 & 5 Vegetation Management Project contains a large number of projects that have been identified to improve livestock grazing management and improve grasslands resource conditions across the project area. Due to the large number of projects it is expected that implementation will be ongoing over the next five to eight years. The projects will continue to be prioritized by those projects with the greatest grasslands resource benefit.

The USFS and the McKenzie County Grazing Association and their members are the primary partners for this project.

Other potential partners: State Land Trust Department, North Dakota Game and Fish, the NDSU-Extension Service (Watford City), surrounding private landowners, Rocky Mountain Elk foundation, Mule Deer Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, and the Wild Sheep Foundation.

Project Duration: The project decision was signed in September 2018 and implementation began spring of 2019. Funds would be committed to the remaining projects and would be utilized within three years.

Amount of Grant request: \$230,000

Partner Contributions	Cash/In-Kind Services
USFS (Conservation Practices Funds)	\$80,000 Cash
USFS	\$45,000 In-Kind
McKenzie County Grazing Association	\$80,000 Cash
McKenzie County Grazing Association	\$25,523 In-Kind
Total Cash/In-Kind Services	\$230,000

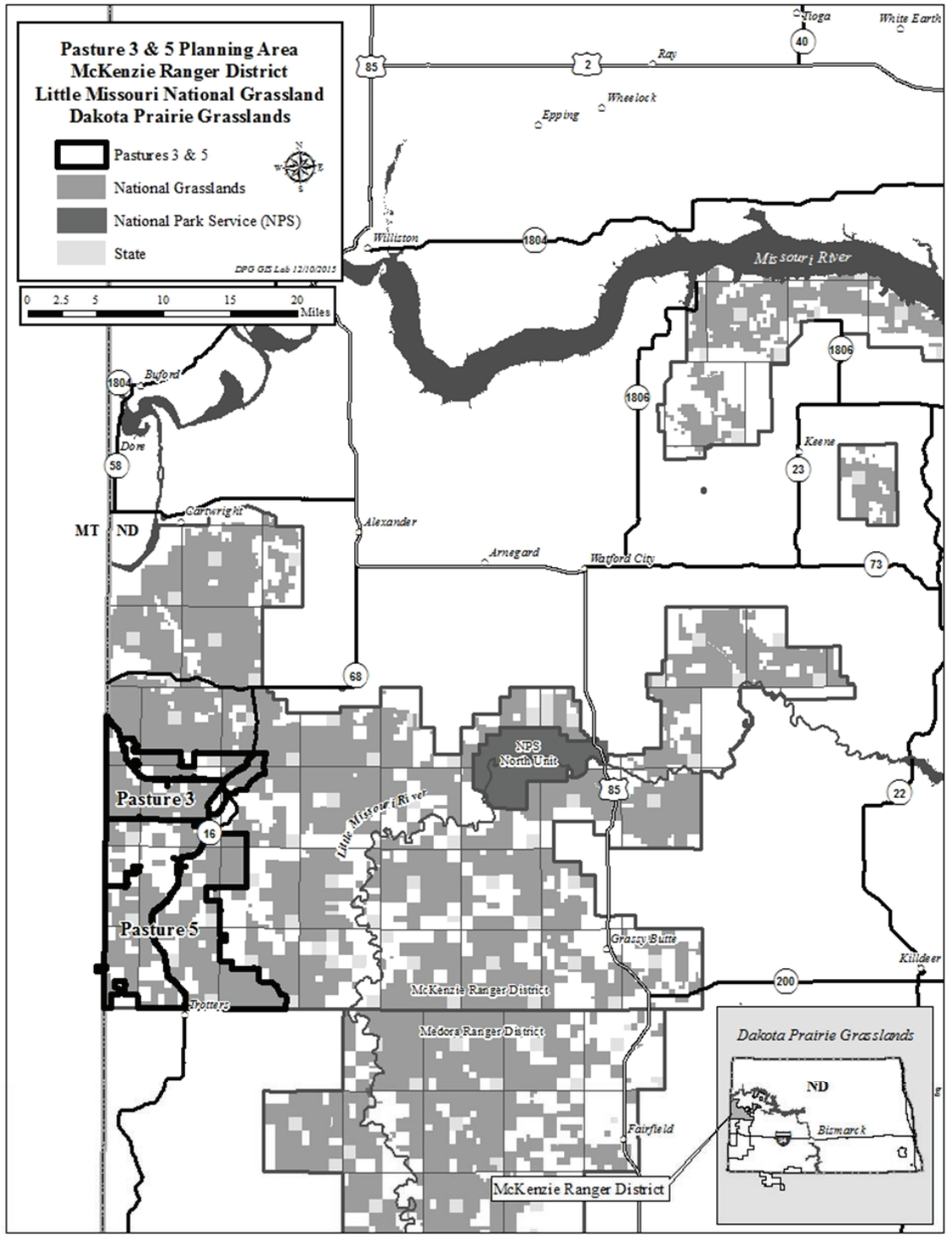
Summary of All Projects in the Pasture 3 & 5 Project II Area:

Project Type	Quantity Estimate	Acres Affected	Total Cost
Range Water Pipeline & tanks	69,432 ft	18,500	\$318,222
Permanent Fence	7,200 ft	700	\$20,520
Electric Fence	1,425 ft	500	\$1,781
Drill Stock Water Well	3		\$120,000
Total		19,700	\$460,523

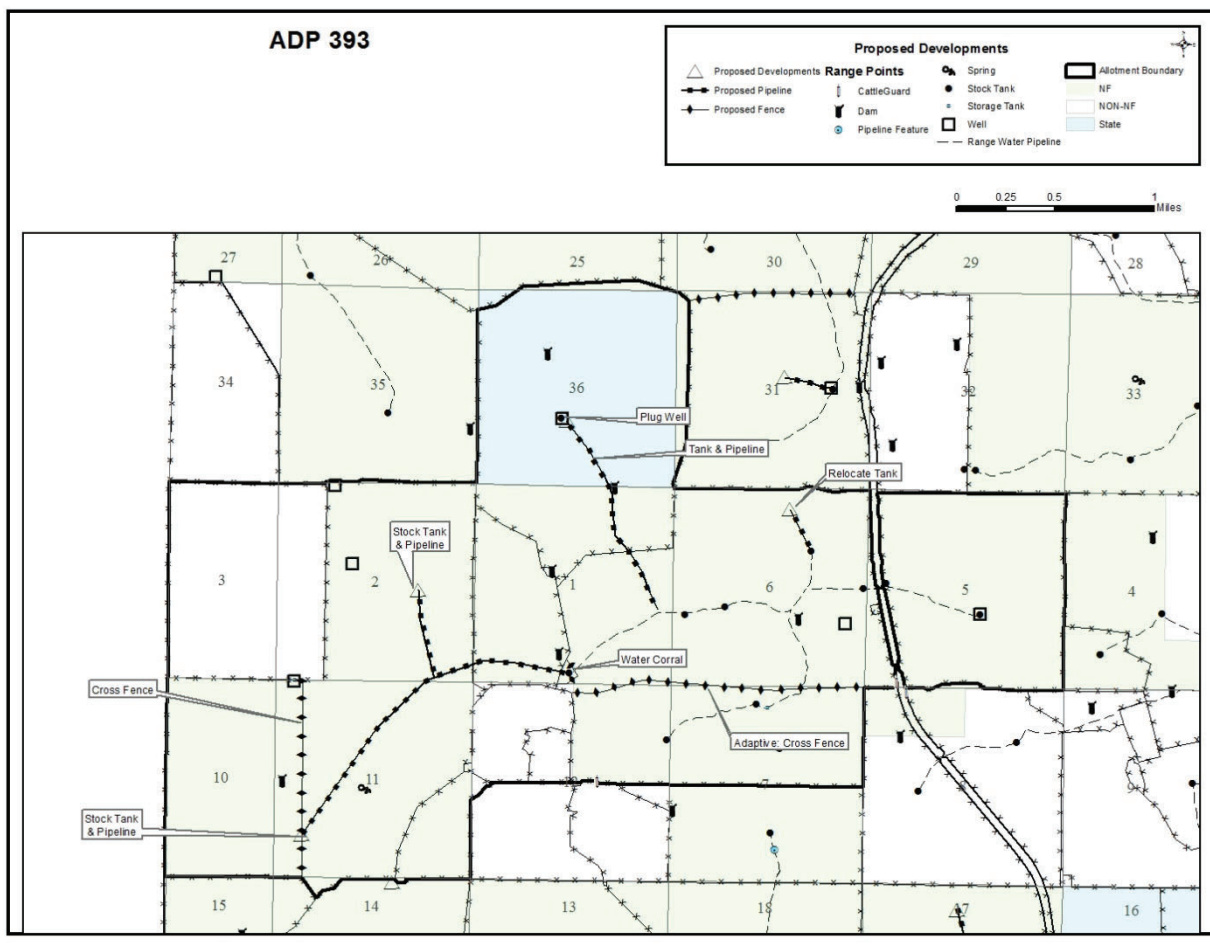
Pasture 3 & 5 Vegetation Management Project II: Proposed Actions

Pasture-Allotment	Project	Quantity Estimate	Acres Affected
P3-A360	Pipeline and Tank Section 31	2,040	500
P3-A361	Pipeline and Tank Section 10	2,480	500
P3-A361	Drill Well Section 7, Tie into pipeline	1,300	
P3-A363	Pipeline and Tanks Section 34 & 3	9,070	1,000
P3-A364	Stock Tank and Pipeline Section 7 from New Well	4,200	
P5-A378	Stock Tank and Pipeline Section 32	3,100	500
P5-A380	Stock Tank and Pipeline Section 13	1,375	500
P5-A383	Pipeline and Stock Tanks Section 18,19,&24	11,500	1,500
P5-A384	Relocate Stock Tank from Well	1,280	500
P5-A389	Pipeline and Stock Tank Section 15	1,890	500
P5-A391	Relocate Stock Tank Section 23	75	500
P5-A391	Drill Secondary Well		
P5-A392	Pipeline and Stock Tank Section 18	3,180	500
P5-A393	Pipeline and Tanks Section 10	9,500	500
P5-A393	Relocate Tank NE Section 6	1,250	500
P5-A395	Relocate Tank NE Section 21	1,400	500
P5-A395	Relocate Tank Section 17	1,700	500
P5-A395	Relocate Boundary Fence to Improve Riparian Condition	5,000	200
P5-A397	Relocate Stock Tanks Section 25 & 29	4,100	1,000
P5-A397	Cross Fence Section 25	1,425	500
P5-A399	Drill Secondary Well Section 13	1,900	7,500
P5-A402	Pipeline and Stock Tank Section 11	4,275	500
P5-A403	Pipeline and Stock Tank Section 8	1,795	500
P5-A403	Pipeline and Stock Tank Section 6	2,022	500
P5-A404	Relocate Boundary Fence to Improve Riparian Condition	2,200	500
Project Area	Adaptive management projects as found necessary for grassland management		
	Total		19,700

Pastures 3 & 5 Vegetation Management Project II Area:



Example Allotment Proposed Improvements:



C. Medora Grazing Association Range Improvements

Medora Grazing Association Range Improvements Project area is located on the Medora Ranger District of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands in Billings and Golden Valley Counties, North Dakota. The project area encompasses approximately 36,200 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands 15,300 acres are private lands, and 3,200 acres are state lands. The project area includes 11 grazing allotments that are under permit through a grazing agreement between the Forest Service and Medora Grazing Association (MGA).

This vegetation management project includes prescribed grazing strategies, installation of range infrastructure, and implementation of restoration activities designed to improve vegetation composition, vegetative structure, riparian conditions, wildlife resources, and wooded draw conditions across the project area.

The USFS and the Medora Grazing Association and their members are the primary partners for this project.

Other potential partners: State Land Trust Department, North Dakota Game and Fish, the NDSU-Extension Service, surrounding private landowners, Rocky Mountain Elk foundation, Mule Deer Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, and the Wild Sheep Foundation.

Project Duration: The OHF funds would be committed to the ongoing implementation and will be utilized within three years.

Amount of Grant request: \$200,000

Partner Contributions	Cash/In-Kind Services
USFS (Conservation Practices Funds)	\$25,645 Cash
USFS	\$45,000 In-Kind
Medora Grazing Association	\$75,215 Cash
Medora Grazing Association	\$45,000 In-Kind
Total Cash/In Kind Match	\$190,860

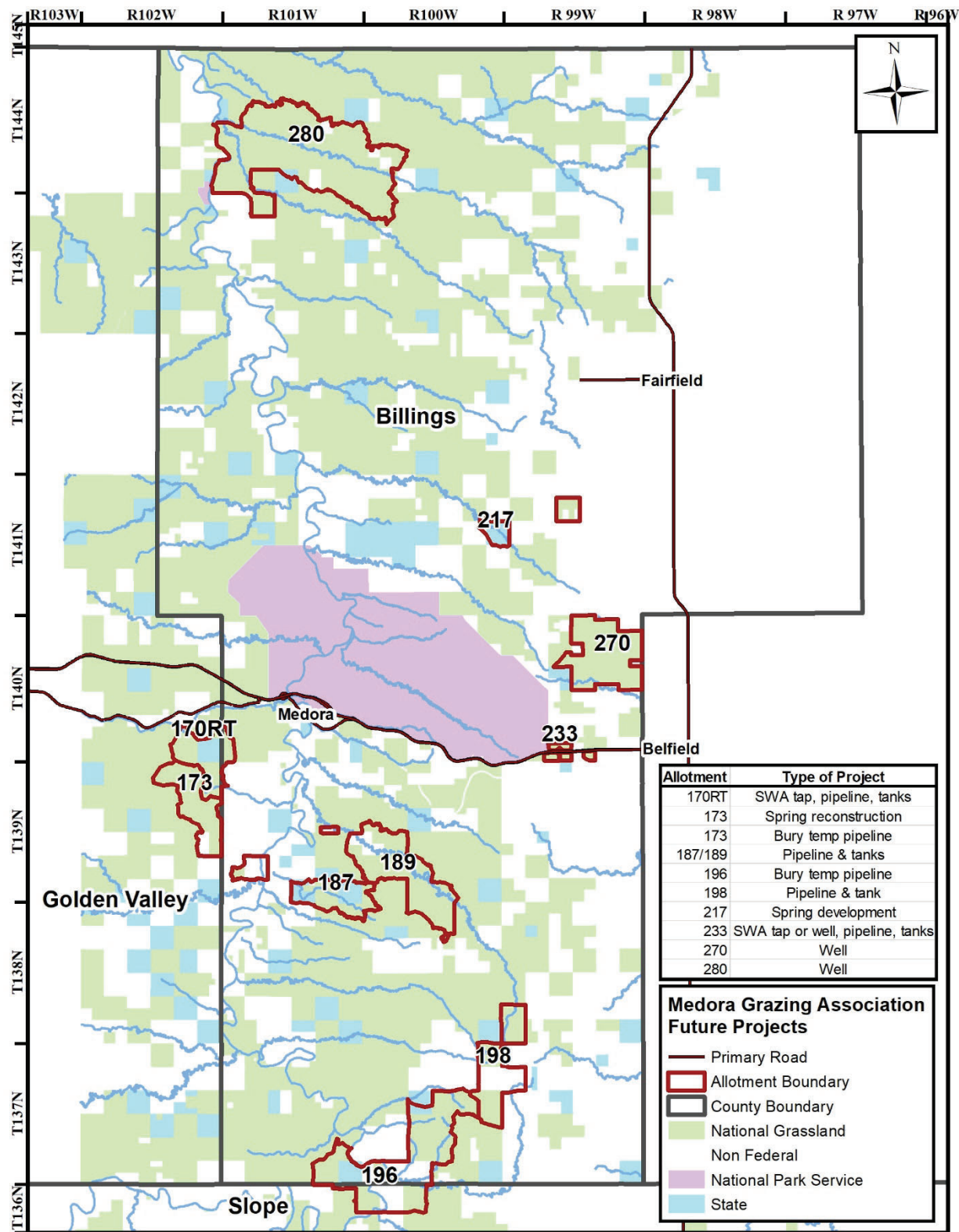
Summary of All Projects in the Medora Grazing Association Project Area:

Project Type	Quantity Estimate	Acres Affected	Total Cost
Range Water Pipeline & tanks	51,630 ft	11,500	\$796,500
Spring development/reconstruction	2	1,000	\$70,000
Water wells	2	2,000	\$21,400
Clearance and Administration			\$90,000
Total		14,500	\$390,860

Medora Grazing Association Project: Proposed Actions

Allotment	Project Name	Quantity Estimate	Acres Affected
170RTC	Pipeline and tank	150 ft	500
187/189	Pipeline and tanks	6600 ft	2,000
173	Spring Reconstruction	1 spring	500
198	Pipeline and tank	5280 ft	1,000
270	Water well	500 ft deep	1,000
233	Pipeline and tank	7200 ft	500
279 Pivot	Water wall	700 ft deep	1,000
173	Pipeline and 4 tanks	16,200 ft	2,500
196	Pipeline and 9 tanks	16,200 ft	5,000
217	Spring development	1 spring	500
			14,500

Medora Grazing Association Project Area:



D. Deep Creek Vegetation Management Part II

Deep Creek Vegetation Management area is located on the Medora Ranger District of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands in Slope County, North Dakota. The project area encompasses approximately 17,693 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands and about 3,098 acres of state and private lands. The project area includes 20 grazing allotments that are under permit through a grazing agreement between the Forest Service and Little Missouri Grazing Association (LMGA).

This vegetation management project includes prescribed grazing strategies, installation of range infrastructure, and implementation of restoration activities designed to improve vegetation composition, vegetative structure, riparian conditions, wildlife resources, and wooded draw conditions across the project area.

The USFS and the Little Missouri Grazing Association and their members are the primary partners for this project.

Other potential partners: State Land Trust Department, North Dakota Game and Fish, the NDSU-Extension Service, surrounding private landowners, Rocky Mountain Elk foundation, Mule Deer Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, and the Wild Sheep Foundation.

Project Duration: Funds would be committed to the projects immediately and would be utilized within three years.

Amount of Grant request: \$251,100

Partner Contributions	Cash/In-Kind Services
USFS (Conservation Practices)	\$20,000 Cash
USFS	\$60,000 In-Kind
Little Missouri Grazing Association	\$90,250 Cash
Little Missouri Grazing Association	\$50,000 In-Kind
Total Cash/In Kind Match	\$220,250

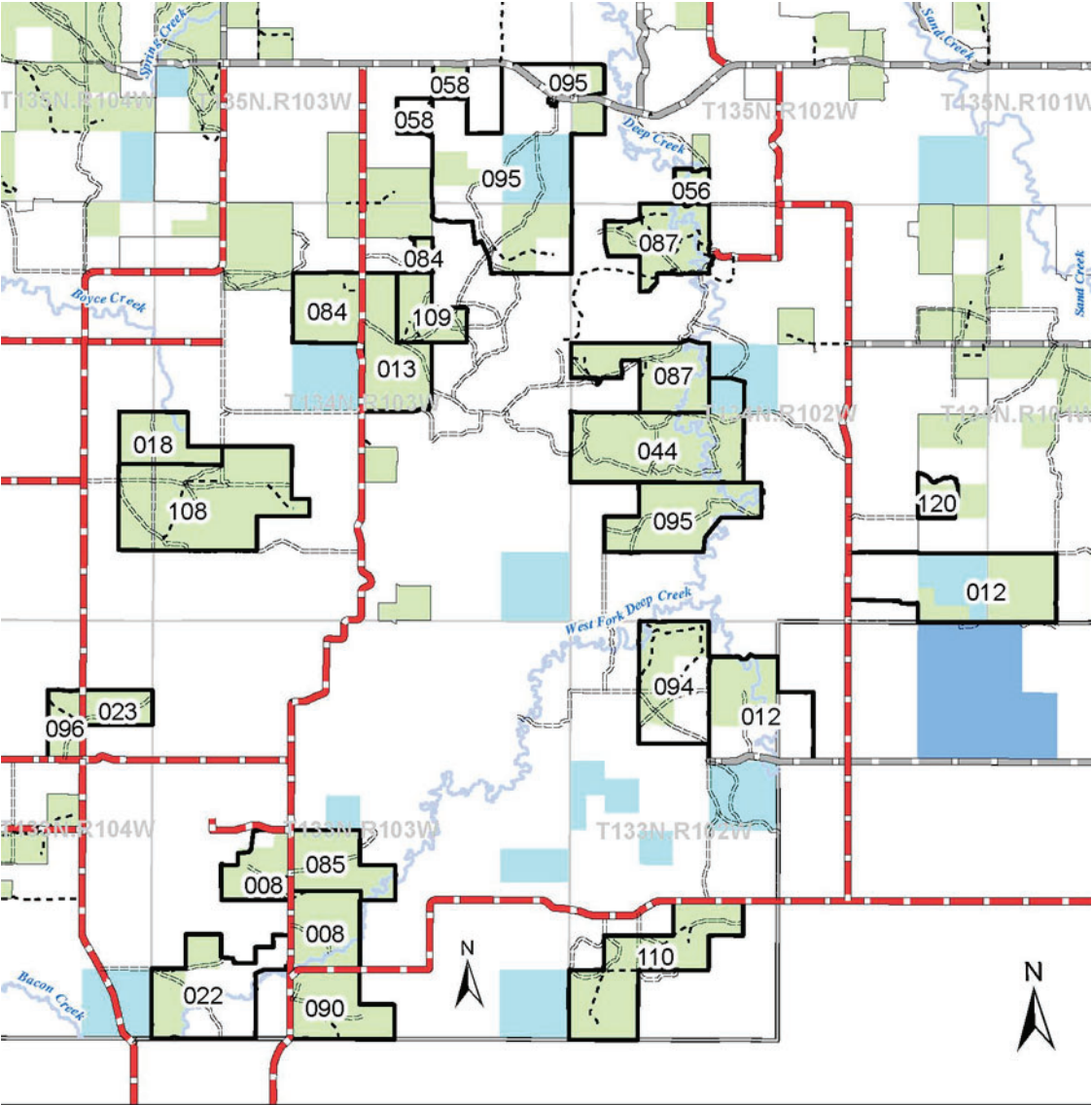
Summary of All Projects in the Deep Creek Project Area:

Project Type	Quantity Estimate	Acres Affected	Total Cost
Range Water Pipeline and tanks	64,916 ft	0	\$227,700
Cross fences	42,830 ft	5,300	\$56,900
Hardened crossings	7	11,600	\$10,500
Stock Dam Reclamation	3	1,000	\$47,950
Water wells and pumps	2	300	\$16,400
Water well abandonment	1	0	\$1,900
Clearance and Administration			\$110,000
Total		18,200	\$471,350

Deep Creek Vegetation Management Project: Proposed Actions

Allotment	Project Name	Quantity Estimate	Acres Affected
#008	Pipeline and tank	1,959 ft	500
#008	Cross Fence	5,650 ft	500
#008	Cross Fence	5,500 ft	600
#008	Plug abandoned well	150 ft	
#012E	Pipeline	3,000 ft	500
#012E	Cross Fence	5,280 ft	600
#012W	Pipeline & tank	1,950 ft	500
#012W	Pipeline & tank	1,911 ft	500
#012W	Cross Fence	2,640 ft	600
#012W	Hardenend creek crossings	2 each	
#012W	Remove dam in P 7	3,000 cu yd	500
#013	Pipeline & tank	4,913 ft	300
#013	Pipeline & tank	4,573 ft	300
#022	Pipeline & tank	3,000 ft	500
#022	Pipeline & tank	2,400 ft	500
#022	Cross Fence	2,640 ft	600
#044	Storage tank	10,000 gal	500
#044	Solar Pump	1.0 each	
#044	Pipeline & tank	5,000 ft	500
#044	Pipeline & tank	2,190 ft	500
#044	Pipeline	2,400 ft	500
#044	Hardened creek crossings	2 each	
#056	Hardened creek crossing	1 each	
#085	Pipeline & tank	2,000 ft	300
#085	Pipeline & tank	2,000 ft	300
#085	Remove dam in P 1	3,000 cu yd	300
#087	Pipeline & tank	3490 ft	500
#087	Pipeline & tank	2435 ft	500
#087	Pipeline	4188.0	500
#087	Hardenend creek crossings	2 each	
#090	Well	300 ft	300
#090	Pipeline & 2 tanks	5,149 ft	300
#090	Remove dam	3,000 cuyd	200
#090	Cross Fence	5,280 ft	300
#094	Pipeline & tank	1,433 ft	300
#094	Pipeline	2,645 ft	300
#094	Cross Fence	5,280 ft	300
#094	Cross Fence	5,280 ft	300
#095	Pipeline & tank	5,280 ft	1,500
#095	Cross Fence	5,280 ft	1,500
#096	Pipeline & tank	3,000 ft	1,500
			18,200

Deep Creek Vegetation Management Project Area

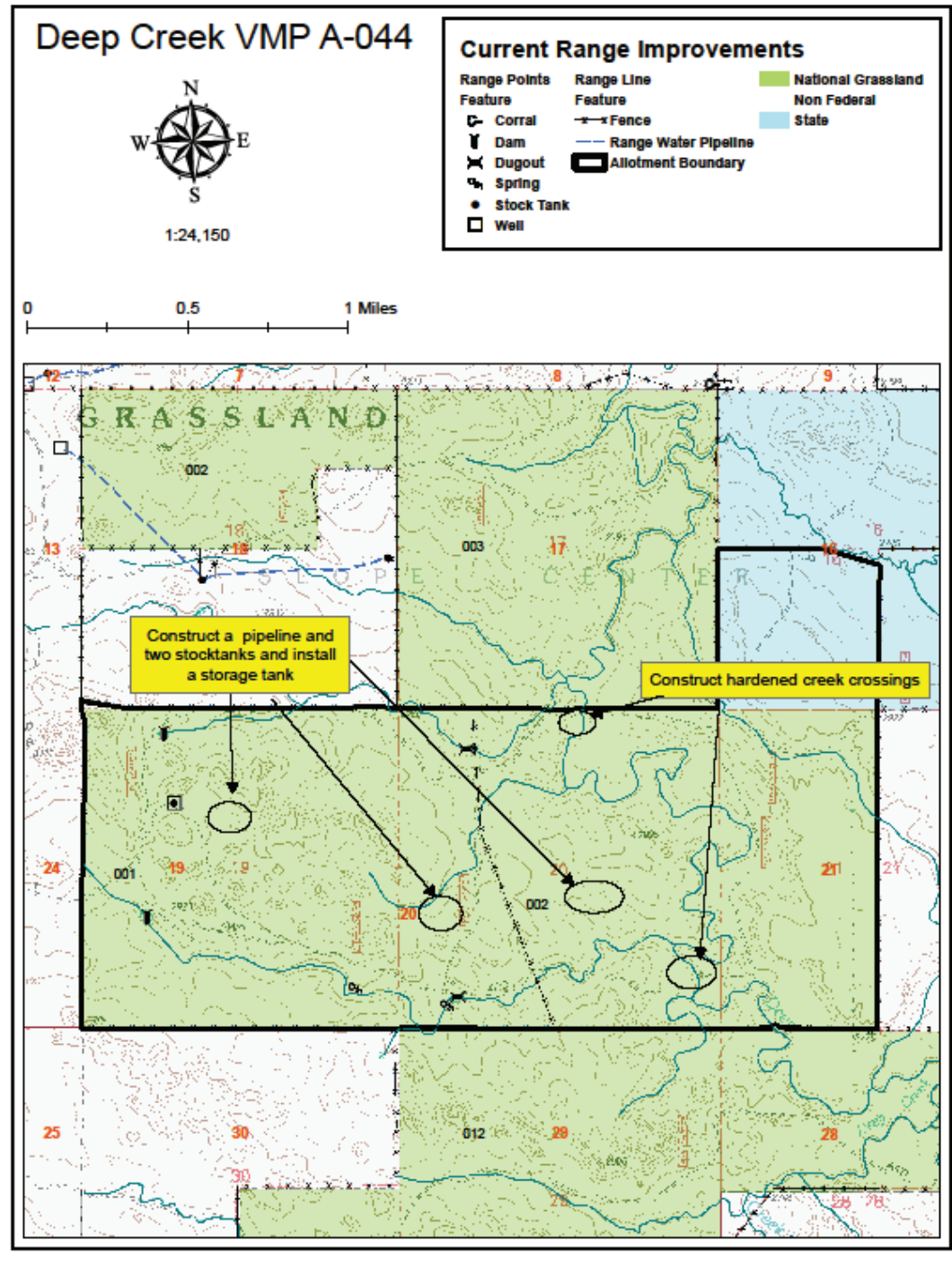


Deep Creek Vegetation Management Project allotment locations.
Map by D. Fouts - USFS
21 July, 2016



- DeepCreekAllotments
- RoadLinearEvents - Existing Status
- Operational Maint Level
 - 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES
 - 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
 - 4 - MODERATE DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
- National Grassland
 - Non Federal
 - National Wildlife Refuge
 - State

Example Allotment Proposed Improvements:



E. Cedar River National Grasslands Range/Wildlife Project

The Cedar River National Grassland encompasses approximately 6,870 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands and approximately 1,700 acres of intermingled state and private lands. These lands are widely dispersed and disjointed in southwestern North Dakota (Figure 1). Much of the grassland are located in Sioux County and are within the boundaries of the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation. The remaining acreage, totaling 480 acres are in Grant County. The Grassland is divided into twelve management units, eleven grazing allotments and the Knispel Wildlife Area.

The Cedar River National Grassland is managed for multiple-uses. Two primary uses are providing forage for domestic livestock and recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiast. Grazing and vegetation management is accomplished cooperatively between the Forest Service and Cedar River Cooperative Grazing Association (CRCGA). The Knispel Wildlife area is managed for wildlife habitat and is grazed approximately 1 year in 4.

In 2004, the Cedar River Allotment Management Plan Revision environmental assessment and decision notice were signed to incorporate improved management on the Cedar River National Grassland. Currently, the Grand River Ranger District has proposed improved vegetation management and continued livestock grazing under an adaptive management strategy on the Cedar River National Grasslands. The Adaptive Management Strategy includes opportunities for improved prescribed grazing strategies, installation of range infrastructure, and the implementation of restoration activities designed to improve vegetation composition, vegetative structure, riparian conditions, and wildlife resources across the project area. A final decision and implementation of the Adaptive Management Strategy is expected in 2021.

As much of the area is currently under good prescribed grazing management systems, we have identified the following projects to maintain or improve current conditions on the Cedar River National Grasslands. The proposed projects are considered NEPA ready.

Partners: The USFS and the Cedar River Cooperative Grazing Association and their members are the primary partners for this project. Other potential partners: State Land Trust Department, North Dakota Game and Fish, surrounding private landowners, Mule Deer Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, and Pheasants Forever.

Project Duration: Funds would be committed to the projects and would be completed within three years.

Amount of Grant request: \$39,000

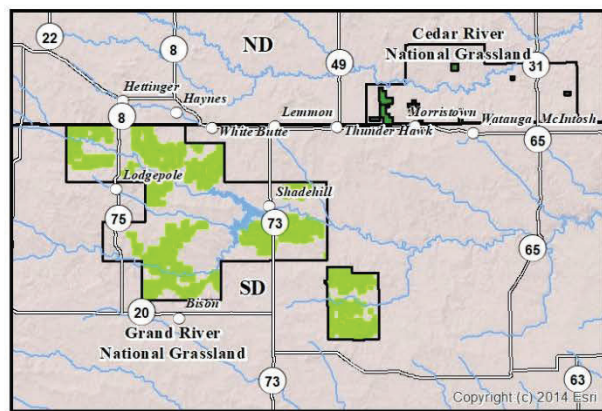
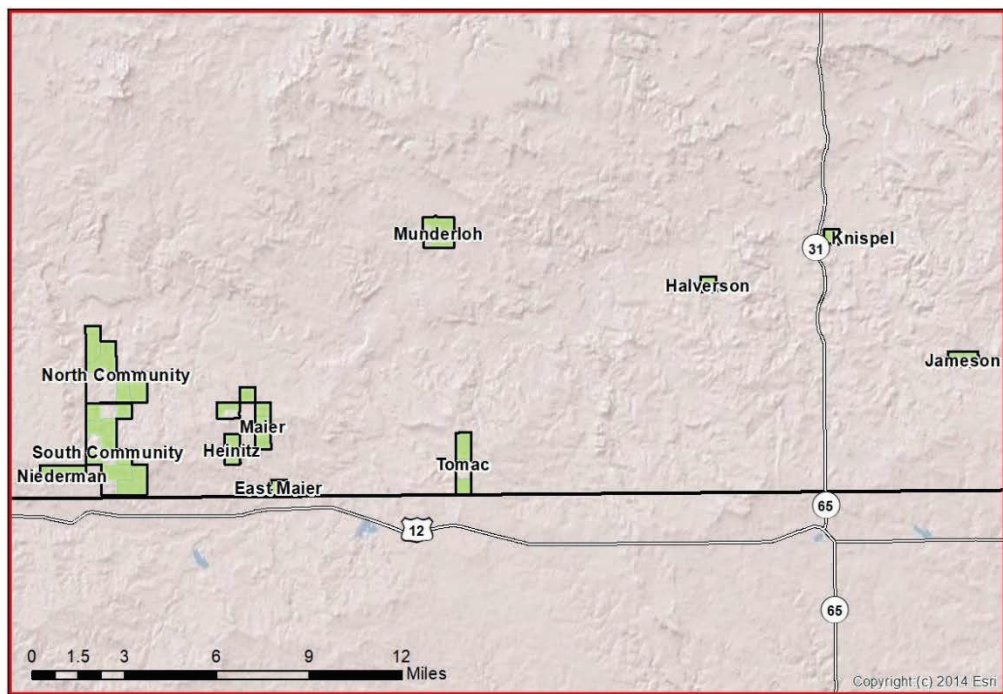
Estimated Partner Contributions:

Partner Contributions	Cash/In-Kind Services
USFS/GRCGA (Conservation Practices Funds)	\$8,000 Cash
USFS	\$6,000 In-Kind
Cedar River Cooperative Grazing Association	\$12,000 Cash
Cedar River Cooperative Grazing Association	\$7,650 In-Kind
Other Partners	TBD
Total Cash/In Kind Match	\$33,650

Cedar River Grazing Association Project List:

Project Name	Quantity Estimate	Acres Affected	Total Project Cost
Fence Replacement (3 Miles)	15,840 ft	1,920	\$24,000
Dam Repair, Knispel Wildlife Area	1	160	\$10,000
Stock Dam & Dugout Repair, Jameson Allotment	2	320	\$10,000
Range Well Re-drill, North Community Allotment	1	800	\$10,000
Pipeline and Stock Tank, North Community Allotment (State)	4,000 ft	640	\$12,000
Wildlife Escape Ramps	10 ramps	-	\$ 650
Clearance and Administration			\$ 6,000
Total		3,840	\$72,650

Figure 1. Cedar River National Grasslands



F. North Dakota Badlands Restoration (Juniper Removal Part II)

Juniper encroachment across the Little Missouri National Grassland has increased substantially over the last several decades. Mechanical removal of juniper is one tool to manage that encroachment. Juniper removal will improve vegetation for livestock, hydrology, habitat for wildlife, and reduce fuels to mitigate threats from wildfire. Mechanical removal could include cutting and piling or mastication. On the Medora district there are several locations within Billings County that have been identified in the *North Billings County Allotment Management Plan Revision* Record of Decision for juniper removal. One area south of I-94 near Painted Canyon has also been selected for future treatment. On the McKenzie district, several locations have been identified in Pastures 3 & 5 and Pastures 4 & 6.

Within the Mikes Creek allotment (#135) Unit 1 is being treated using Forest Service fire crew and contract work in 2020 to complete the 250 acre unit utilizing 2018 OHF Funds. Additional units in Mike's Creek, Sully Springs and Pastures 3 & 5 and Pastures 4 & 6 would be treated using the requested funds for a total of 600 acres.

This project is currently part of the Joint Chief's (USFS/NRCS) funding for the ND Badlands Restoration Project including funds for work on Forest Service lands and also EQIP funds for work on Private lands. Additional funds have also been added from the National Wild Turkey Federation. Potential additional partnerships will be pursued with various groups such as Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Mule Deer Foundation, ND Game and Fish Department, ND Forestry Service, etc. Partnership contributions may include cash and/or equipment (e.g. masticator).

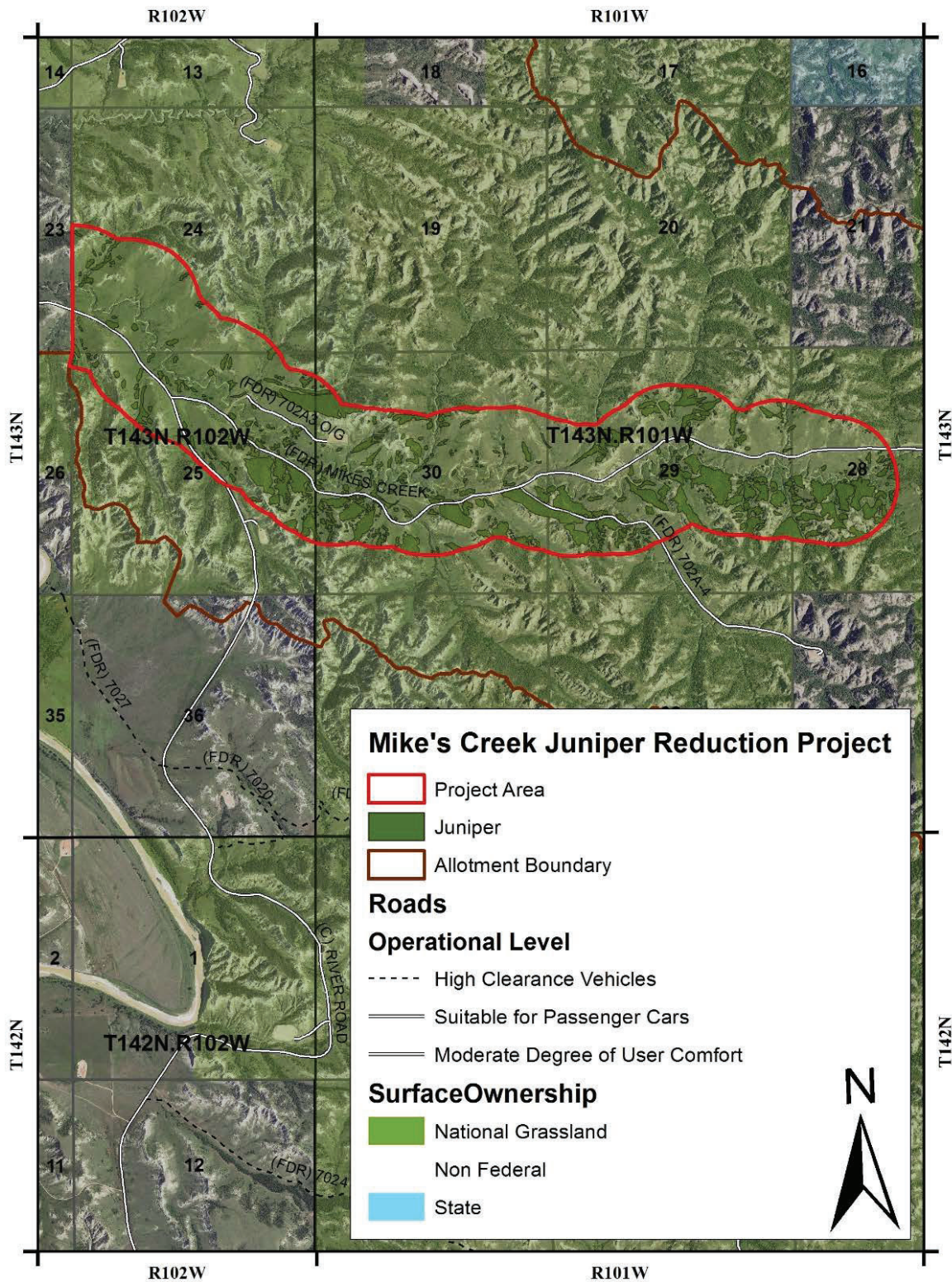
Project Duration: The USFS is committed to restoration of these sites. Funds would be committed to the project immediately and would be utilized within three years.

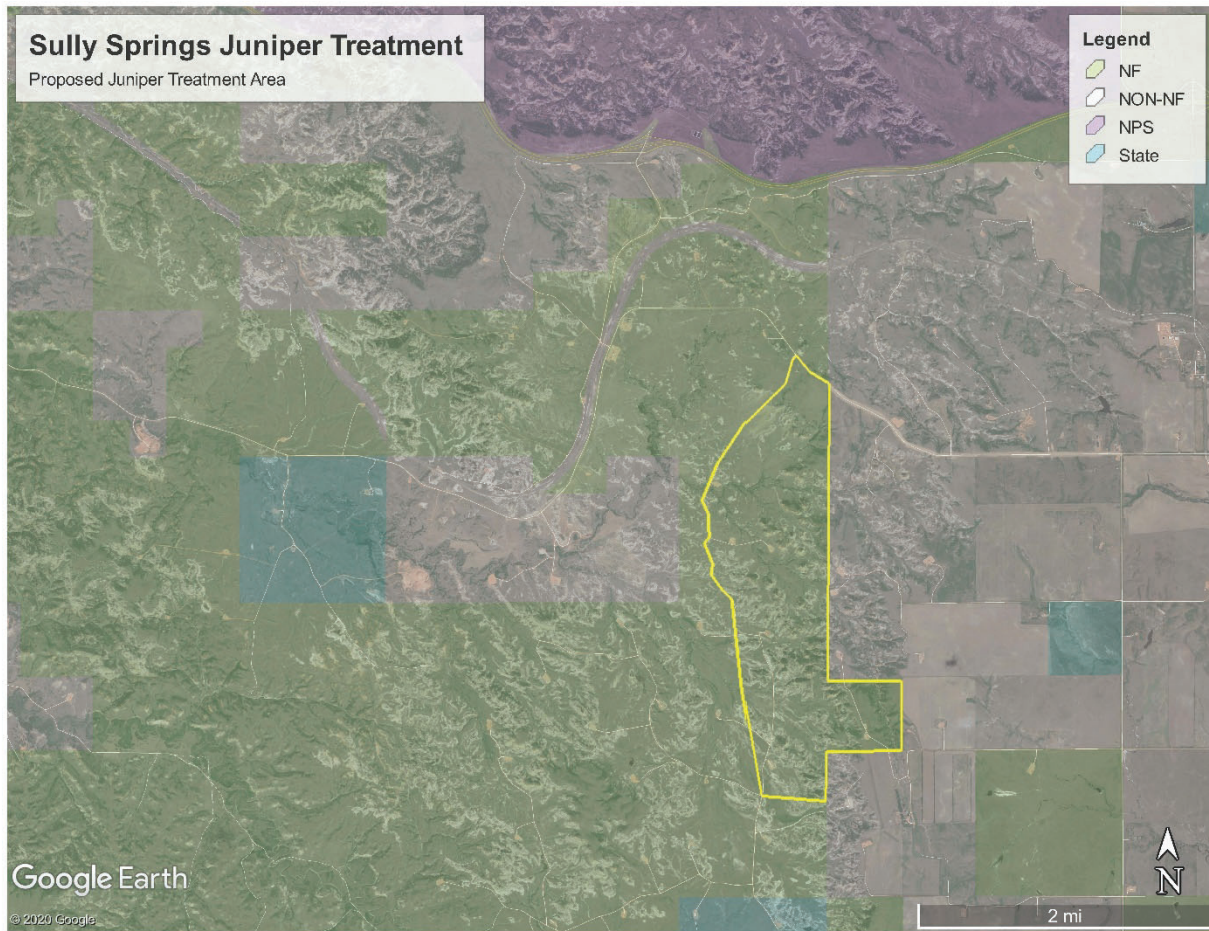
Amount of Grant request: \$350,000

Partner Contributions	Project Total
USFS (Joint Chiefs and FS allocated)	\$225,000 Cash
USFS	\$60,000 In-Kind
National Wild Turkey Federation	\$20,000
Other contributors	\$45,000
Total Cash/In Kind Match	\$350,000

Summary of All Projects in the Medora Grazing Association Project Area:

Project	Quantity Estimate	Acres Affected	Total Cost
Juniper removal –Mike's Creek and Sully Springs	500 acres	2500	\$600,000
Juniper removal-Pastures 3 & 5 and 4 & 6	100 acres	500	\$100,000
Total		3000 acres	\$700,000





All Projects Summary

Project	Total Cost	Grant/ Cash	FS Cash/ In-Kind	Other Contrib.	Acres Affected
Pasture 4 & 6 Vegetation Management Project	\$680,000	\$340,000	\$170,000	\$170,000	31,785
Pastures 3 & 5 Vegetation Management Project II	\$460,523	\$230,000	\$125,000	\$105,523	19,700
Medora Grazing Association Range Improvements	\$390,860	\$200,000	\$70,645	\$120,215	14,500
Deep Creek Vegetation Management Part II	\$471,350	\$251,100	\$80,000	\$140,250	18,200
Cedar River National Grasslands Range/Wildlife Project	\$72,650	\$39,000	\$14,000	\$19,650	3,840
North Dakota Badlands Restoration (Juniper Removal Part II)	\$700,000	\$350,000	\$285,000	\$65,000	3,000
Total	\$2,775,383	\$1,410,100	\$744,645	\$620,638	91,025

If Yes, what are the contingencies?:

Minutes:

Project Name: D. CROW FLIES HIGH STATE RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission and/or Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation:

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) offers a variety of recreation opportunities and sustainably manages resources while enriching generations through experiences that connect people and places. The Crow Flies High State Recreation Area is a 253-acre scenic overlook located two miles west of New Town in Mountrail County, North Dakota currently managed by the NDPRD in partnership with the Three Affiliated Tribes. The site provides scenic views of Lake Sakakawea and is an area of historical significance for the history of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

D. CROW FLIES HIGH STATE RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT

Abstract/Executive Summary:

The Crow Flies High State Recreation Area Master Plan and Development project is located two miles west of New Town in Mountrail County, North Dakota. The project area encompasses approximately 253 acres of state land managed under the authority of NDPRD. The project area includes a scenic overlook, access roadway and parking area, interpretive signs, historical monument, unmanaged trails, and grasslands. Currently, the Lewis and Clark State Park staff manage the operation and maintenance of the site in cooperation with the Three Affiliated Tribes.

The purpose of the state recreation area management plan is to serve as an update to the current cooperative management agreements with Tribal and local governments, to develop a long term plan for the site area, and to enhance current management objectives related to vegetation management, cultural interpretation and recreation opportunities.

Specifically, there is a need to incorporate management objectives that:

- Identify opportunities for the long-term use of the site through the development of a state recreation area management plan;
- Research cultural and historical information through documentation and discussions with tribal representatives to develop cultural and historical materials such as educational materials and interpretive signs;
- Maintain or improve site conditions through vegetation management and noxious weed control that would maintain and enhance diverse, native plant and animal communities based on the capabilities of the ecology of the site.
- Develop recreational opportunities for the public that directly address both local and regional needs identified in the 2018-22 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). These include development of and access to trails, including motorized trails; increased swimming and water recreation access; and more picnicking facilities (picnic areas).

In summary, this state recreation management plan project provides a cooperative partnership with state agencies and tribal and local governments in order to enhance a conservation and recreational area in the western part of North Dakota. As increases in demand for recreation in the region continues

this project provides an opportunity to: provide an outdoor recreation experience; implement conservation management practices; and provide a cultural and historical interpretive program important to the region.

Project Duration: The project expects to begin cooperative discussions immediately and have a recreation plan in place within a year and recreational, cultural, and vegetation enhancements started thereafter. Funds would be committed to the projects at that time and would be utilized within two to three years.

Project Location Description:

Crow Flies High State Recreation Area Master Plan and Development project is located west of New Town in Mountrail County, North Dakota.

Partners:

NDPRD and the Three Affiliated Tribes would be the primary partners for the project.

Other potential partners: ND Tourism Department, ND Historical Society, and surrounding communities including New Town.

Amount of Grant request: \$58,000

The Crow Flies High State Recreation Area Master Plan and Development project contains a number of projects that have been identified to enhance a recreational site in western North Dakota that may provide greater access to trails and Lake Sakakawea and provide a greater understanding of the cultural and historical significance of the area. Projects will be prioritized by the greatest public benefit. The requested funding would be used to assist in the implementation of the selected projects.

Partner Contributions	Cash/In-Kind Services
NDPRD (Natural Resources Program)	\$2,500 (vegetation management)
NDPRD (Lewis and Clark State Park staff)	\$13,000 In-Kind (2X trip/month/5 months for 3 years)
NDPRD (Planning staff)	\$5,000 in-kind
NDPRD (Parks)	\$12,500
NDPRD (OHVs)	\$25,000
Indian Affairs Commission or Three Affiliated Tribes	TBD

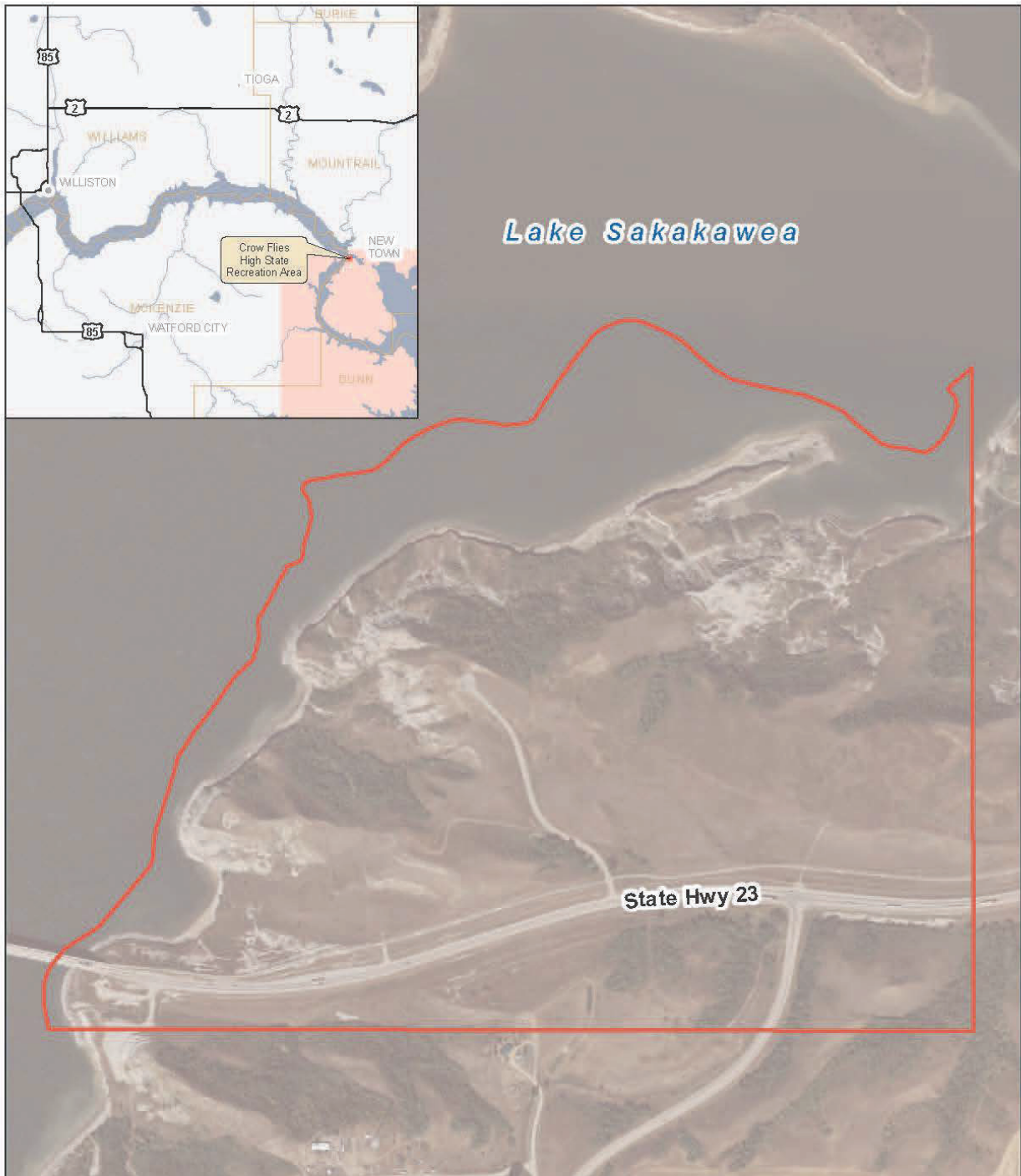
Summary of All Projects in the State Recreation Master Plan and Development Project:

Project Type	Quantity	Cost Estimate
Interpretive signs	4	\$1000 each
Picnic Tables	3	\$2000 each
OHV Trail Development	1 mile	\$25,000
Vegetation Management	.5 acre	\$2,500
Large Trash Bins	1	\$2,500 each

Walking Trail

1 mile

\$18,000



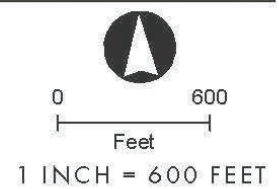
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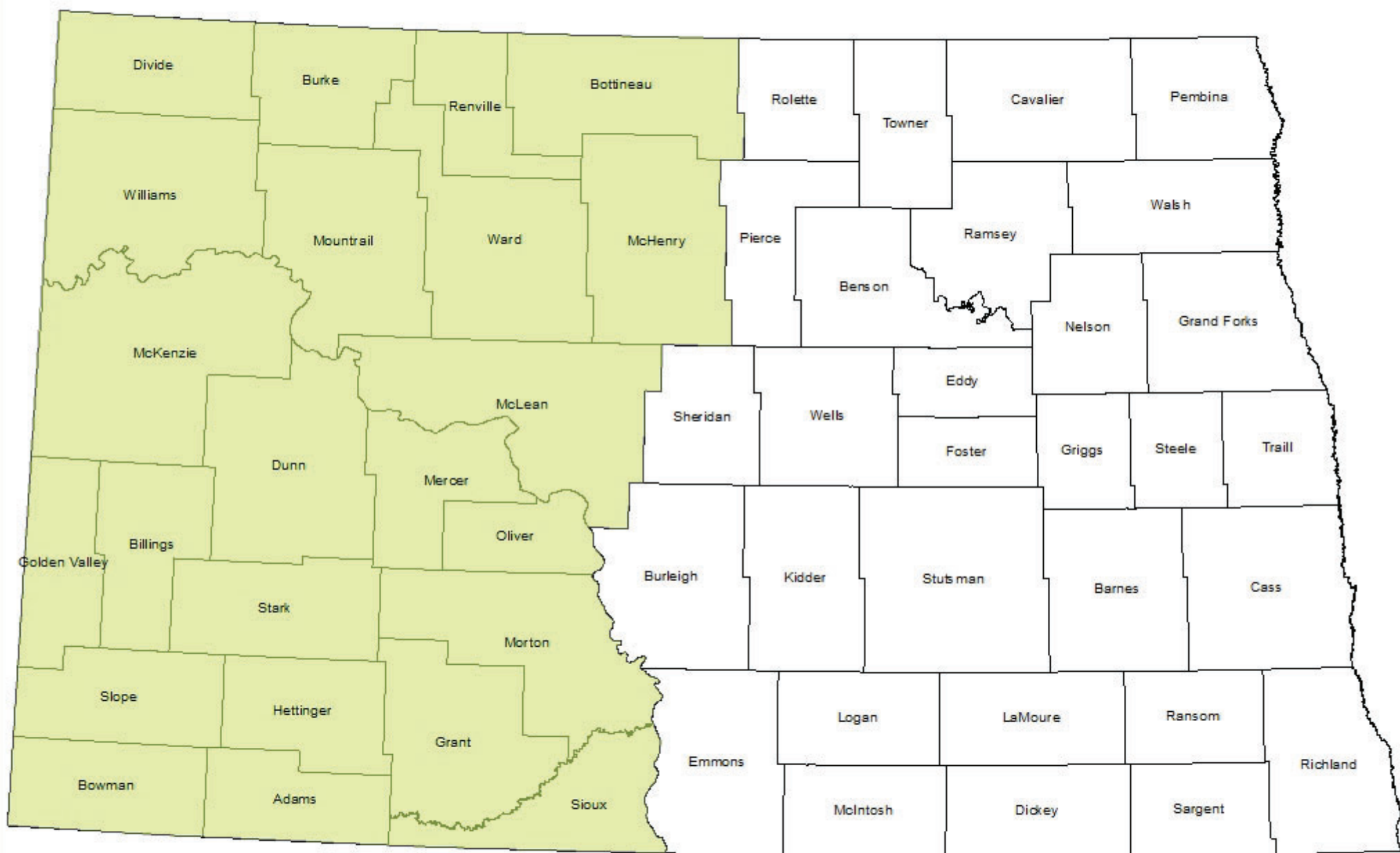
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Date: August 13, 2020

North Dakota Industrial Commission
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund
State Capitol, 14th Floor
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept. 405
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter documenting the Cedar River Cooperative Grazing Association's (CRCGA) support and commitment to partnering with the USDA-Forest Service in the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant application for the Dakota Prairie Grasslands, 2020 Outdoor Heritage Fund (Bakken Working Lands) Project. Specifically, the projects located on the Cedar River National Grasslands. The proposed projects have been identified to be maintained or to improve grassland conditions and improve grazing management on the National Grasslands.

The CRCGA is committed to providing sound range management decisions across the National Grasslands in conjunction with our own grassland pastures and ranching operations.

If you have questions or require further details, please feel free to contact me at (701) 522-3430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frank Tomac', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank Tomac

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August 19, 2020

Andrea Pfennig
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To the North Dakota Industrial Commission:

Please accept this letter documenting the Little Missouri Grazing Association's (LMGA) commitment to a partnership with the Medora Ranger District (USFS) in the Outdoor Heritage Fund to implement various grazing management tools on the National Forest System lands within the Deep Creek project area. Funding the initial action plans will secure the sound grazing program implemented by the Little Missouri Grazing Association after North Dakota authorized grazing associations in 1935.

The LMGA is committed to providing administrative assistance by maintaining records such as the Association grazing permits, land use practice costs and identifying conservation practices needed to facilitate sound grazing plans. In addition, the LMGA will continue to provide a seasonal range technician to collect monitoring data cooperatively developed with the Forest Service.

The Little Missouri Grazing Association looks forward to implementing the Deep Creek Vegetation Management project with the Medora Ranger District. The Outdoor Heritage Fund monies will greatly help the LMGA and the Medora Ranger District implement the much-needed conservation practices necessary for a successful grazing program.

Sincerely,


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President, Little Missouri Grazing Association

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August 13, 2020

*North Dakota Industrial Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter from the McKenzie County Grazing Association (MCGA) in support and with the commitment to partner with the USDA-Forest Service in the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant application for the 2020 Outdoor Heritage Fund (Bakken Working Lands) Projects Dakota Prairie Grasslands. The proposed projects have been identified to improve grasslands condition, improve grazing management and maintain a healthy ecosystem.

MCGA is committed to providing and maintaining sound range management decisions across the National Grassland.

If you have any questions or are interested in more details please call the MCGA office at 701-444-3384.

Sincerely,



*Keith Winter
MCGA President*

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19 August 2020

Andrea Pfenning
North Dakota Industrial Commission
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Dear Andrea,

This letter serves to express the Medora Grazing Association's support of the grant application submitted by the US Forest Service for their 2020 Outdoor Heritage Fund (Bakken Working Lands) Projects.

The Association remains committed in our partnership with the US Forest Service to implement various grazing management tools on National Forest System Lands within the Medora Ranger District. Along with our members, the Association has identified a set of improvements on several Allotments that will aid in moving Grassland resources toward the Land & Resource Management Plan objectives providing for sustainable multiple use on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

We will continue working with the US Forest Service & our members to assist with planning and implementation of these improvements. The Association will provide administrative assistance, including any required permit applications with county or State agencies, liaising with contractors, project invoicing and procurement of project materials.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (701) 290-6424.

Sincerely,



Wes Obrigewitch
President, Medora Grazing Association



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July 31, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I have reviewed the Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant proposal for Bakken Development Working Lands Program II and North Dakota Natural Resources Trust. It fits very closely with the goals of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to assist private landowners and operators with voluntary conservation technical assistance and to address natural resource concerns for wildlife, soil health and plant diversity in North Dakota.

The project leverages resources through partners and participants to implement conservation technical and financial assistance to assist in natural resource improvement in cooperation with energy development.

USDA-NRCS will provide Technical Assistance, as available and as the opportunity arises.

Please feel free to contact myself or Jill Howard at (701) 530-2000, for more information.

Sincerely,

MARY E. PODOLL
State Conservationist



File Code: 1580
Date:

Andrea Pfennig
North Dakota Industrial Commission
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund
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To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter documenting the Forest Service's commitment to a partnership with the North Dakota Industrial Commission and North Dakota Natural Resource Trust for the projects identified on the Little Missouri National Grassland and Cedar River National Grassland through the Outdoor Heritage Fund for the purpose of implementing a variety of vegetation and wildlife habitat management projects on the grasslands in western North Dakota. The implementation of these projects will further the progress of moving Grassland resources toward our Land & Resource Management Plan objectives providing for sustainable multiple use on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

The Forest Service is committed to providing range management and watershed technical assistance; botany, wildlife and archeological survey clearances; and engineering review. In addition, monitoring will play an integral part displaying the effectiveness of the applied management tools in meeting or moving towards resource objectives.

My staff and I look forward to advancing this partnership for the Outdoor Heritage Fund. If you have questions or require further details, please feel free to contact Misty Hays at (701) 227-7824 or Shannon Boehm at (701) 989-7307.

Sincerely,

JEFF TOMAC
Acting Grasslands Supervisor



BADLANDS

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Please accept this letter supporting the grant request for the Bakken Working Lands Program II. The Badlands Advisory Group helped develop the program and we were earlier supporters. We have been extremely impressed with the Phase I and its success.

The importance of livestock grazing systems and grasses in the Bakken Working Lands Program cannot be overstated. Improvements to habitat, grazing lands quality and quantity is part of our mission at the Badlands Advisory Group.

We ask for the continued support of the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Please call or email if you have any questions.

Thank You.

Sincerely



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August 31, 2020

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Dear Commission Members,

The Mercer County Soil Conservation District (MCSCD) is writing to express support for the Bakken Development and Working Lands Program II. The grant proposal is consistent with our organization's mission and vision. The array of on-the-ground conservation programs described in the grant proposal is consistent with the goals of the MCSCD as outlined by our locally led conservation planning efforts.

This program will provide landowners with a voluntary, simplified, and flexible approach that will conserve existing, and create new, grassland and wetland habitat. Private landowners through the working lands partnership will have options that fit both their operation's fiscal and management needs.

MCSCD is committed to working collaboratively to provide conservation planning and technical assistance that achieves conservation goals while protecting and enhancing the land. The diverse partnership among local political subdivisions, state and federal agencies, NGOs and the energy industry reinforces that shared belief.

The innovative approach to cooperatively address conservation options, surface remediation needs, and community-based recreation and habitat projects has proven successful through the first phase of the project. Interest has grown exponentially in our county and numerous landowners/producers have asked to be contacted for future projects.

We encourage your favorable consideration of the Bakken Development and Working Lands Program II grant request.

Sincerely,

Marc Schriefer
Chairman

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Chairman
Golden Valley

Jeff Ellwein
Vice Chairman
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Janet Connolly
Member
Golden Valley

Jason Erickson
Member
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Date: August 13, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter documenting the Cedar River Cooperative Grazing Association's (CRCGA) support and commitment to partnering with the USDA-Forest Service in the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant application for the Dakota Prairie Grasslands, 2020 Outdoor Heritage Fund (Bakken Working Lands) Project. Specifically, the projects located on the Cedar River National Grasslands. The proposed projects have been identified to be maintained or to improve grassland conditions and improve grazing management on the National Grasslands.

The CRCGA is committed to providing sound range management decisions across the National Grasslands in conjunction with our own grassland pastures and ranching operations.

If you have questions or require further details, please feel free to contact me at (701) 522-3430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frank Tomac', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank Tomac

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August 19, 2020

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To the North Dakota Industrial Commission:

Please accept this letter documenting the Little Missouri Grazing Association's (LMGA) commitment to a partnership with the Medora Ranger District (USFS) in the Outdoor Heritage Fund to implement various grazing management tools on the National Forest System lands within the Deep Creek project area. Funding the initial action plans will secure the sound grazing program implemented by the Little Missouri Grazing Association after North Dakota authorized grazing associations in 1935.

The LMGA is committed to providing administrative assistance by maintaining records such as the Association grazing permits, land use practice costs and identifying conservation practices needed to facilitate sound grazing plans. In addition, the LMGA will continue to provide a seasonal range technician to collect monitoring data cooperatively developed with the Forest Service.

The Little Missouri Grazing Association looks forward to implementing the Deep Creek Vegetation Management project with the Medora Ranger District. The Outdoor Heritage Fund monies will greatly help the LMGA and the Medora Ranger District implement the much-needed conservation practices necessary for a successful grazing program.

Sincerely,


CHAD ERICKSON

President, Little Missouri Grazing Association

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August 13, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter from the McKenzie County Grazing Association (MCGA) in support and with the commitment to partner with the USDA-Forest Service in the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant application for the 2020 Outdoor Heritage Fund (Bakken Working Lands) Projects Dakota Prairie Grasslands. The proposed projects have been identified to improve grasslands condition, improve grazing management and maintain a healthy ecosystem.

MCGA is committed to providing and maintaining sound range management decisions across the National Grassland.

If you have any questions or are interested in more details please call the MCGA office at 701-444-3384.

Sincerely,



*Keith Winter
MCGA President*

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19 August 2020

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Dear Andrea,

This letter serves to express the Medora Grazing Association's support of the grant application submitted by the US Forest Service for their 2020 Outdoor Heritage Fund (Bakken Working Lands) Projects.

The Association remains committed in our partnership with the US Forest Service to implement various grazing management tools on National Forest System Lands within the Medora Ranger District. Along with our members, the Association has identified a set of improvements on several Allotments that will aid in moving Grassland resources toward the Land & Resource Management Plan objectives providing for sustainable multiple use on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

We will continue working with the US Forest Service & our members to assist with planning and implementation of these improvements. The Association will provide administrative assistance, including any required permit applications with county or State agencies, liaising with contractors, project invoicing and procurement of project materials.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (701) 290-6424.

Sincerely,



Wes Obrigewitch
President, Medora Grazing Association



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July 31, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I have reviewed the Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant proposal for Bakken Development Working Lands Program II and North Dakota Natural Resources Trust. It fits very closely with the goals of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to assist private landowners and operators with voluntary conservation technical assistance and to address natural resource concerns for wildlife, soil health and plant diversity in North Dakota.

The project leverages resources through partners and participants to implement conservation technical and financial assistance to assist in natural resource improvement in cooperation with energy development.

USDA-NRCS will provide Technical Assistance, as available and as the opportunity arises.

Please feel free to contact myself or Jill Howard at (701) 530-2000, for more information.

Sincerely,

MARY E. PODOLL
State Conservationist

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Sincerely,

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September 14, 2020

Karlene Fine, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Fine:

The North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC) is writing to express support for the Bakken Development and Working Lands Program II (BDWLP) OHF grant request submitted by the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust. We also previously expressed our support for the initial BDWLP grant request.

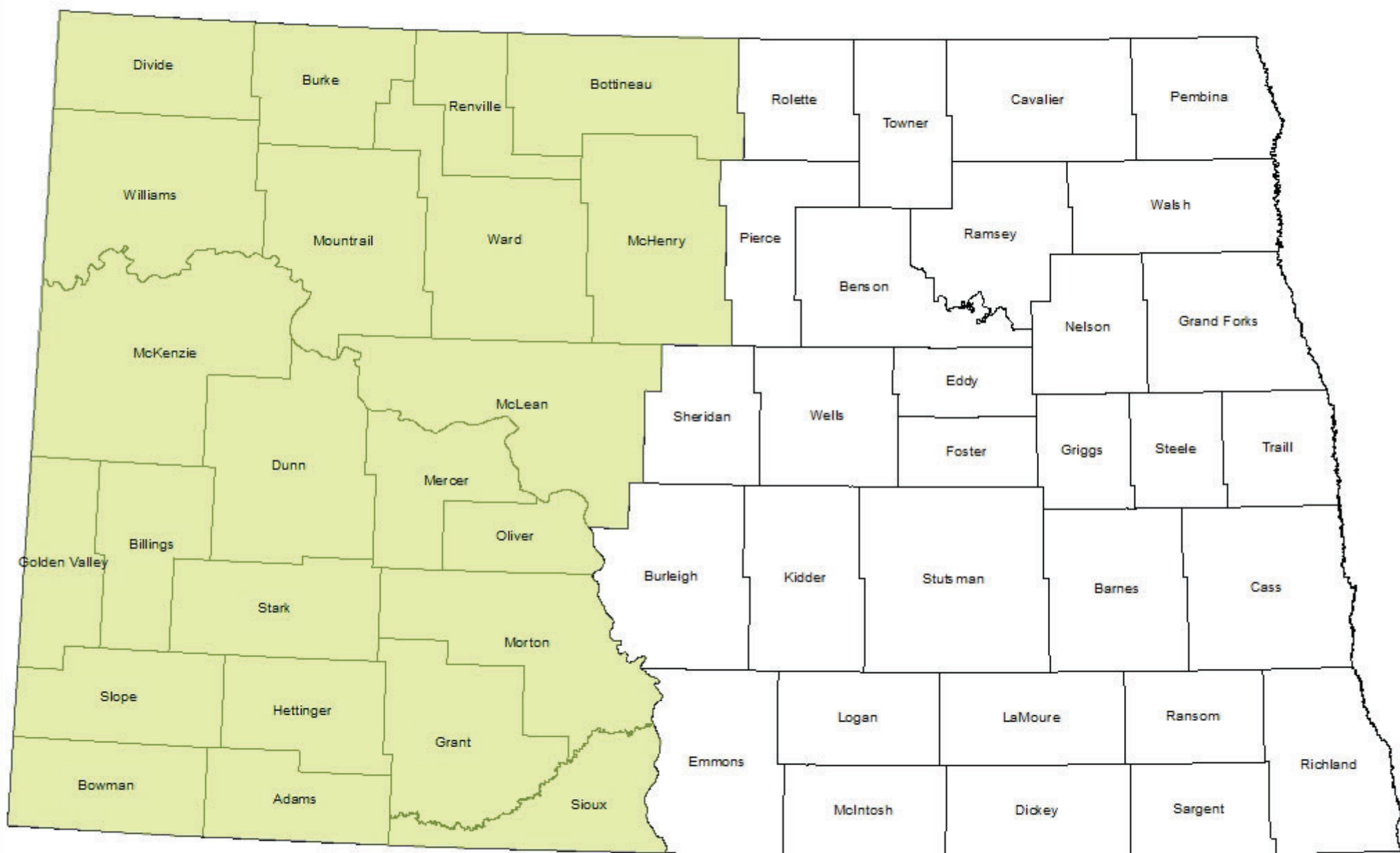
We believe that collaboration can provide the benefits of energy development while protecting and enhancing the land. Oil and gas companies have assisted in promoting this program to landowners, who have utilized over \$200,000 to install grazing systems and grass seedings in and around oil development on oil and gas related surfaces. The on-the-ground conservation programs described in the BDWLP II grant proposal are consistent with the vision of the NDPC and its member organizations for the Bakken landscape. The innovative approach to cooperatively address conservation options, surface remediation needs, and community-based recreation and habitat projects will benefit the region.

NDPC has been supportive of the ND Department of Mineral Resource's (DMR) abandoned well reclamation program, funded by the CARES Act, and we are supportive of this grant applicant's plan to coordinate with those efforts to reclaim the surface land after the abandoned well sites have been reclaimed. The diverse partnership among local political subdivisions, state and federal agencies, NGOs, the oil and gas industry and the Badlands Advisory Group (BAG) reinforces that shared belief.

NDPC and its affiliated member organizations believe this OHF grant proposal represents a positive focus on landscape needs. We encourage your favorable consideration of the BDWLP II grant request.

Sincerely,

Ron Ness
President



BDWLP II Counties

October 25, 2020

OHF Board and Advisory Board Members,

Hi to all and thank you for your service on the OHF state board. My intent today is to share with you and ask your SUPPORT for 17-08 Bakken Development and Working Lands Program II. As we have seen the results from some of the work which is complete and the starting of other projects which are in phase process to near completion as results of the first funding of this program. This is an excellent program for this area of the state which has been one of the key revenue resources of our state the past several years.

- I have had Jesse Beckers at our ranch, at our kitchen table and held in depth discussion and talked about the programs and the development of the Working Lands Programs for the Bakken areas of our state. NRT and Jesse are working with NRCS directors to make these programs work for landowners, counties, park boards and cities to improve lands for recreational, wildlife and the environment!
- As I serve as one of the five a board member for the Badlands Advisor Group (BAG)_ We the Board have realized the gain this program has provided for Wildlife and our surrounding environment over the past two years. NRT works hard to provide resources and programs plans to improve areas of disturbance which often takes time and cost are extremely high to get the lands back into production for use to wildlife, recreational users, improve water quality, stop erosion, clear a visual impression and improve the environment.
- With MRD support and the cooperation, leverage, and efficiency of many other partnerships these new funds will realize even a greater need for the program over the next few years.
- In summary I ask for your considerations to support this highly needed program with continued funding. OHF and NRT have been making a difference in the Bakken landscapes in Dunn county today and will continue well into the future with support of programs such as the Bakken Development and Working Lands Program!

Thank you for your time and consideration in approval of the 17-08 OHF program,

Dunn County Commissioner,

Land owner in the Bakken,

Daryl Dukart