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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 (xx/xx/xx to xx/xx/xx)	
001-004	November 30, 2015	04/19/2015 to 11/30/2015	
Project Name Enhancing Grazing Lands & Wildlife Habitat (Phase 1)			
Project Sponsor Name Ducks Unlimited, Inc.			
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)		Responsible Official's Title	
Davis, Jonas		Manager Conservation Programs – ND	
Project Sponsor Address 2525 River Road			
City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number
Bismarck	ND	58503	701-355-3593
<u>Financial Update</u>			
Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:			
<u>Funds Spent this Reporting Period</u>			
(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)			
Match Funding \$			2,786.12
In-kind Funding \$			0.00
OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$			0.00
Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$			2,786.12
<u>Total Funds Spent to Date</u>			
Match Funding \$			5,329.32
In-kind Funding \$			0.00
OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$			0.00
Total Funding Expended to Date \$			5,329.32
<u>Balance of Grant Funds</u>			
Match Funding \$			2,113,920.68
In-kind Funding \$			0.00
OHF Funding still to be Requested \$			828,000.00
Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$			2,941,920.68
Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain			
/_/ Yes /X/ No			

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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

Since the execution of the agreement in April, significant progress has occurred toward project completion. Through the Prairie Pothole Wetland and Grassland Retention Program (PPWGRP), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has obligated 100 contracts worth \$1,741,397.85. These 100 contracts are spread over 15,549.20 acres. Some of the main practices that are cost shared under the PPWGRP program are, Upland Wildlife Management, Wetland Wildlife Management, Pasture and Hayland plantings, Cover Crops, Cross Fence, Water Facilities, Pipelines, Prescribed Grazing, Forage Harvest Management and Conservation Cover.

During the reporting period, all NRCS offices implementing EQIP contracts this year contacted participating landowners and obtained the proper waivers to allow DU biologists to contact them regarding the available OHF funding. DU staff has begun contacts with each landowner to establish agreements, promote the North Dakota Game and Fish Department Private Land Open to Sportsmen Program (PLOTS), and to provide additional technical assistance for their operations. Many of these landowners are interested in the PLOTS program and are contacting the state to learn more about eligibility. Those contacts will be tracked in order to monitor participation in the program directly related to OHF funding being utilized under this grant. As those agreements are put in place, the match will be recognized in future reporting.

Direct contacts with participating landowners has also provided the opportunity to assist with NRCS programs but also other available habitat programs offered by other conservation agencies and organizations. A "one-stop shop" approach has provided landowners with multiple options to better assist them in what types of conservation practices work within their operations.

Both OHF funding allocation and NRCS matching funds will be recognized in the coming months and primarily the summer/fall of 2016 as grazing management and plans are verified.

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



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