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Contract Numbe 001-015	er	Report Date 11/26/14	Period Covered by Report (08/01/14 to 11/30/14)
Project Name Trail Restora	ation and Imr	provement Prog	aram
Project Sponsor			J. 3111
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Work Completed during Period Covered by Report: (This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

*See attached for full report

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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North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Trails Restoration and Improvement Program 001-015



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Trails Restoration and Improvement Program 001-015

The Sheyenne Valley and Dakota Prairie Grasslands Chapters of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) worked hard this fall to finish up some last minute projects before freeze up. Since the last reporting period at the end of July the volunteers have logged 1,220 working hours on the Outdoor Heritage Fund Project. That brings the total volunteer hours by the NCTA to 2,406 hours. Keep in mind these hours do not include trail mowing, general trail maintenance and the work being done by the Army Corp of Engineers and US Forest Service on other sections of the trail in North Dakota.

The Turtle Mountain Trail Project is set to be bid out this winter with construction to start summer of 2015. Final layout of the trail reroutes around the wet areas is complete. Some rock armoring was done with the nice late fall weather and more will be during summer of 2015.





Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant: August—November

- NCT chapters recruited, trained and provided safety training to 67 volunteers which included NCT members, Doosan volunteers and Boy Scouts. The NCT chapters led these volunteers during several full and part time day work projects (with no accidents).
- One easement was replaced by a trail route on township section lines that provide reasonable long-term trail protection and trail conditions essentially identical to those on the adjacent private land without having to purchase an easement. Coordinated with Viking and Sheyenne Township.





- Installed 150+ Carsonite trail marker posts
- 2 24' boardwalks were constructed and put into storage to be installed summer of 2015.
- Finished urban signage in Abercrombie, Colfax and Walcott



Trails Restoration and Improvement Program 001-015 continued

- Moved materials to remote construction sites and built 9 puncheon sections totaling 646 feet.
- Moved materials to remote construction sites and built and/or remodeled 6 fence stiles and gates.
- Identified, marked, cleared, and signed about 5 miles of new trail.
- 4,200 yards of rough trail surface were smoothed to appropriate tread standards
- NCTA/OHF meeting scheduled December 3rd in Valley City.



Additional NCT Activities - Fall 2014

- Drafted and prepared mailing materials for additional easements.
- Initiated many conversations regarding trail access and development with Corps of Engineers, Griggs County Water Board and their engineer.
- Mowed over 100 miles of trail
- Met with National Park Service representatives on land acquisition from Arden Falk, Fort Ransom to connect the Sheyenne State Forest to existing easements south of Fort Ransom. (Non-OHF)
- Department of Transportation installed Trail Crossing signs on Highway 18 across from Ekre Grassland Preserve.



- Initiated many conversations regarding trail access and development with city officials, landowners, government employees, etc.
- Working with US Forest Service to locate a construct connector trail in Sheyenne National Grasslands.
- Hosted National Public Lands Day Event on the trail.

