

## Instructions

Please download this Word document (available on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund Program website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> ) to your computer and provide the information as requested. You are not limited to the spacing provided. After completing the report, save it and attach it to an e-mail and send it to [outdoorheritage@nd.gov](mailto:outdoorheritage@nd.gov) AND print it and mail it to: North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505. If you are unable to scan attachments, mail them with your paper copy of the report. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your report and attachments.

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 001-015	Report Date 08/27/14	Period Covered by Report (03/25/14 to 07/31/14)	
Project Name Trail Restoration and Improvement Program			
Project Sponsor Name North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department			
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Gardner, Matthew S.		Responsible Official's Title Recreation Division Manager	
Project Sponsor Address 1600 E. Century Ave. Suite 3			
City Bismarck	State ND	Zip Code 58503	Telephone Number 701-328-5369
<b>Financial Update</b> Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:			
<b>Funds Spent this Reporting Period</b> (As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases) Match Funding \$ 0.00 In-kind Funding \$ 17,790.00 (1,186 hrs. x \$15.00) OHF Funding <b>Requested for Reimbursement</b> \$32,100 Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$24,975.98			
<b>Total Funds Spent to Date</b> Match Funding \$0 In-kind Funding \$17,790 OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$43,300.00 Total Funding Expended to Date: \$24,975.98			
<b>Balance of Grant Funds</b> Match Funding \$72,000.00 In-kind Funding \$12,270.00 OHF Funding still to be Requested \$68,700 Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$112,000			
Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension    If yes, please explain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

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



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.



**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) have been working hard on their projects this summer. Even given the wet spring and late start into the work season, the volunteers logged over 1,000 working hours on the Outdoor Heritage Fund Project. 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. There is a diverse group of volunteers working on this project that include NCTA members from ND and other states, Doosan volunteers and Boy Scouts; including 52 volunteers in all. Their work activities even included two Eagle Scout projects.

The Turtle Mountain Trail Project is set to be bid out this winter with construction to start summer 2015. The North Dakota trail crew spent some time in the Turtle Mountains with a GPS finalizing the best sustainable routes around the wet areas to better develop the bid packet this winter.



### Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant:

- Logged 1,186 hours of volunteer labor
- Replaced 5 miles of broken Carsonite signage, hand carried equipment and materials including steel U-posts with Carsonite pieces with applicable signage
- Re-routed about a 1/3 mile of trail and installed a new fence stile on private right of way on trail that had slumped beyond use, removed old route signage materials
- NCT chapters recruited, trained and provided safety training to 52 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)
- Re-blazed throughout 4.2 miles of trail
- Purchased, received and stored construction materials and supplies
- Acquired regular trail access easement (1 mile; 20 years). Securing this easement allowed the connection of the NCT from the Ekre Preserve to the Sheyenne Grasslands



- Installed trail signage in a number of locations, including Carsonite marker posts along the trail, signage at several fence stile crossings, intersections and NCCNST signage through Abercrombie and Colfax
- Installed 7 - (2' x 2') interpretive panels at trail heads



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- Moved materials to remote construction sites and built 8 puncheon sections totaling 126 feet
- Moved materials to remote construction sites and built and/or remodeled 10 fence stiles and gates
- Identified, marked, mowed, cleared, and signed about 1.5 miles of new trail
- Identified about 2 miles of new potential trail routes, with construction planning underway



### Additional NCT Activities this summer

- GPS'd over 29 miles of trail to produce permanent mapping of route, also included GPS locations for trail signage, stiles, boardwalks, telespar posts, trail heads, interpretive panels etc. built in past 3 years
- Drafted and prepared mailing materials for 3 easements and working on 12 additional for approximately 11 ¼ miles of trail
- Initiated many conversations regarding trail access and development with Corps of Engineers, Griggs County Water Board and their engineer;
- Mowed over 50 miles of trail
- Initiated many conversations regarding trail access and development with city officials, land-owners, government employees, etc.
- Developed new maps and informational materials for distribution to trail users

