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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 001-017	Report Date Nov. 30 2015	Period Covered by Report (November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015)	
Project Name North Dakota Game and Fish Dept. Outdoor Heritage Habitat Initiative			
Project Sponsor Name North Dakota Game and Fish Dept.			
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Kading, Kevin J.		Responsible Official's Title Private Lands Section Leader	
Project Sponsor Address 100 N. Bismarck Expressway			
City Bismarck,	State ND	Zip Code 58501	Telephone Number 701-328-6371
<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)			
Direct Payments (OHF request) \$200,000.00 (Save Our Lakes payments) \$243,931.78 (PLOTS payments)			
Match Funding \$131,153.85 (Save Our Lakes) \$75,240.52 (PLOTS access) \$5,381.14 (PLOTS - indirect)			
In-kind Funding \$0 No in-kind included in the proposal			
OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$443,931.78 Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$655,707.29			
<u>Total Funds Spent to Date</u> Match Funding \$328,475.08 In-kind Funding \$ NA OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$200,000 (2014), \$443,931.78 (2015)			

Total Funding Expended to Date \$972,406.86

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$367,874.72 (\$696,350 - \$328,475.28)

NOTE: Grant award was reduced from \$2M to \$1.9M. Match amount may vary from original proposal. Original match for \$2M grant was \$733,000. \$1.9M grant match will be 696,350.

In-kind Funding \$0

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$1,256,068.22

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$1,900,000

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)

The \$1.9M grant was divided out between the Save Our Lakes (SOL) program and the PLOTS program. \$1.5M was allocated to PLOTS, while the remaining 400,000 was allocated to SOL. The initial proposal indicated that SOL agreements would be between 10 and 20 years and PLOTS agreements would be for 10 years. SOL payments would be made one-time, upfront, while PLOTS payments would be made annually. The only deviation from the original proposal included a slight adjustment to allow a range of 6-10 years for PLOTS agreements to better fit the needs and interests of producers.

Save Our Lakes

11 SOL agreements totaling 496.85 acres were secured in Emmons, Stutsman, Morton and Pembina counties. Four of these agreements are for ten years and seven are for 15 years; payments were issued one-time upfront, for land rental only. OHF funds were used to provide 75 percent of the land rental payment, while SOL funds provided the remaining 25 percent of the payment. Other non-OHF, SOL funds were used to install infrastructure such as fencing and wells and to plant grass on or adjacent to these areas. The main objective of these agreements is to manage riparian systems and important watersheds through an array of practices and methods including managed grazing and/or haying; i.e. reducing the duration, frequency and intensity of grazing or haying along the riparian systems.

PLOTS

11 agreements totaling 3,041 acres were secured in Ransom, Lamoure and Dickey counties. Five of these agreements are 10 years in length; the remaining agreements are 6 years in length. The agreements were all initiated in 2014 but there were no OHF rental payments made in 2014; only an access payment was made in 2014 using non-OHF, PLOTS funds.

Beginning in March 2015 annual payments were made with funds made available through this grant; payments will continue to be made annually through the life of the agreements. Many of the agreements contain expiring CRP that was in its final year of contract with USDA; OHF funds provide an annual rental payment to maintain these acres as wildlife habitat and to retain soil and water quality benefits achieved while enrolled in CRP. Other agreements contain newly established habitat. Through the OHF/PLOTS agreement, uses such as haying and/or grazing are allowed as per a management plan. This is a feature of the PLOTS program that is very well received by producers. These acres are all signed with Department PLOTS signs as well as a sign indicated funding was provided through OHF. The areas are available for walk-in public access and are displayed in the Department's annually published Conservation PLOTS guide. They can also be viewed on the Department's interactive map service and available for GPS download or use on smart phone apps.



PLOTS tract with OHF sign displayed



First year of newly established habitat on OHF funded PLOTS tract.

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

Kevin Hading

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