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Contract Number 002-024	Report Date 4/08/20	Period Covered by Report (09/30/2019 to 04/01/2020)
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Project Name
Prairie Project

Project Sponsor Name
United Prairie Foundation, Inc.

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) DeVries A John	Responsible Official's Title President
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Project Sponsor Address
260 Front St

City Sheldon	State ND	Zip Code 58068	Telephone Number 701-793-0668
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Financial Update

Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:

	Funds Spent THIS Reporting Period*	Total Funds Spent to Date	Balance of Remaining Funds
Match Funding	9,688.00	50,390.00	19,610.00
In-kind Funding	1,704.00	5,704.00	26,546.00
OHF Funding	21,088.00	163,546.00	136,454.00
Total	32,480.00	219,640.00	182,610.00

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension? /_/ Yes /X/ No

If yes, please explain:

*As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases.

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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On schedule with the projects timeline prairie seed was harvested and processed during the 2019 grant year. Like row crop producers, 2019 was very wet which limited access to the field for harvest. Even with the challenging conditions combine harvest did occur. Conditions limited harvest on one field and herbicide drift rendered another field useless.

Prairie Project has two field locations. The southern field owned by the Motl's and located in Ransom County had prescribed fire on April 24, 2019. The fire went as planned. The field was growing great, setting up for a diverse prairie harvest. All the summer wildflowers were beginning to bloom and then boom. The boom was the field got Herbicide Drifted. The field got tested by South Dakota Agricultural Laboratories in Brookings. The results of the test showed a lethal dose of 2,4-D. Time will tell if it just took the bloom away or permanently killed the long lived perennial wildflowers. In addition to the prescribed fire the Motl field had post fire management to level pocket gopher mounds. Once the gopher mounds got leveled the few remaining gophers were trapped. A side note is Pocket Gophers don't live in restored prairie environments. In addition to addressing the pocket gopher mounds 100-200 volunteer cottonwood trees got basal bark treatment. The Motl prairie might easily have been the best moist soil restoration in the history of the state.

The northern Field owned by the Grieger's had combine harvest executed in 2019. The amount of prairie harvested was limited due to wet conditions. The neighbor's field to the south was wheat and never got harvested. Even in these challenging conditions 20 acres were combined resulting in 1400 pounds with a value of \$56,000. One could only imagine the quantity of the yield if it wasn't flooded and the impact of the herbicide drift.

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.

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