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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 003-0047	Report Date 1/16/2018	Period Covered by Report 8/1/2017-1/16/2018
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Project Name
Working Wetlands in North Dakota

Project Sponsor Name
Delta Waterfowl

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Devney, John L	Responsible Official's Title Vice President, U.S. Policy
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Project Sponsor Address
1312 Basin Avenue

City Bismarck	State ND	Zip Code 58504	Telephone Number 701-222-8857 EXT 218
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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

(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)

Match Funding \$722,539.89

In-kind Funding \$10,589

OHF Funding **Requested for Reimbursement** \$346,005.12

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$1,079,134. ~~00~~

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$2,124,619.67

In-kind Funding \$65,960

OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$1,042,544.56

Total Funding Expended to Date \$3,233,124.23

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$1,377,079.6

In-kind Funding \$4,040

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$707,455.44

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$5,321,699.37

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)

As per normal practice, all wetland acres under lease were assessed by county NRCS staff to ensure performance with the conservation lease. As in past years, 100% of the enrolled wetlands were being managed consistent with lease guidelines. This year we also tracked production on these acres to understand what percentage of wetlands were able to be farmed. This year it appears as if the majority of wetland acres enrolled in the program were seeded though there is a bit of variation due to location.

As noted last year, there were minor adjustments to individual contracts. These were primarily a result of the individual producer's interest in entering other conservation programs. To date we have seen producers opt out of portions of their leases to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program as well as enroll wetlands in the USFWS easement program. We simply made adjustment in payment terms for acres transitioned out of the program hence a lower reimbursement request this year.

Additionally, the survey work continues with our collaborators at North Dakota State University. Comprehensive analysis has been done on the surveys of pilot project participants.

To date the key results include:

- The ability to continue to farm wetland basins is an incredibly important program attribute,
- Price is an important determinant in decisions about enrolling in voluntary conservation programming,
- The ability to use fire and burning as a means to control vegetation is a desirable option for participating landowners,
- Enthusiasm for the program was high with over 60% of producer's viewing the program as a good fit for their operations in the long-run.

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

John L. Devney, Vice President, Delta Waterfowl

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