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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 003-047	Report Date 7/29/2019	Period Covered by Report 1/18/19 to 7/29/19
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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 Senior Vice President
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Project Sponsor Address
1412 Basin Ave

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 \$0

In-kind Funding \$0

OHF Funding **Requested for Reimbursement** \$0

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$0

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$2,848,159.56

In-kind Funding \$75,875

OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$1,388,549.81

Total Funding Expended to Date \$4,312,584.37

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$688,539.89

In-kind Funding \$9,000

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$361,450.19

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$5,371,574.45

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain
/X/ Yes // No

The final round of payments to participating landowners will be completed in January 2020. Final report and reimbursement request will be made in late January of 2020. An extension request was accepted January 2019.

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

The project is now in its fifth and final year.

There has been little activity since our last reporting period as agreements are in place and producers are continuing with the program with very little adjustments. A number of producers have made inquiries about the opportunity to continue in the program or something similar once the pilot project concludes this year.

Fall will be a busy time again as NRCS will be conducting their annual status reviews to verify all wetlands are being managed consistent with the terms of the agreement. This work generally occurs post-harvest as NRCS can access fields and producers have more time to visit. Final payments will be made to participating producers after status reviews have been completed and will occur in two batches, (December and January) as agreements and following payments have been made on that schedule.

Dr. Cheryl Wachenheim continues analyzing data from the full spectrum of surveys completed in association with the project. Recent review of the data has shown that producers have a more positive view towards small wetlands than they did in the first year of the project. This is consistent with our desires for the project to create a value associated with the wetland whereby the individual landowner can see the value via an incentive linked to the habitat and other values provided by wetlands. Dr. Wachenheim's research will be published extensively and contribute not only to our understanding of how producers view wetlands but also how conservation interests can engage private landowners with mutual benefit for farmers and ranchers as well as wildlife and habitat.

We look forward to providing the final closeout report in January and summarizing the many positive outcomes associated with the project.

Exhibit B

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, Senior Vice President, Delta Waterfowl

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.