

**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.

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| Contract Number<br>004-060 | Report Date<br>12/22/17 | Period Covered by Report<br>11/29/17-12/31/17 |
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Project Name  
**Western North Dakota Habitat Enhancement Projects**

Project Sponsor Name  
**Mule Deer Foundation**

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| Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)<br><b>Johnson, Marshall</b> | Responsible Official's Title<br><b>Regional Director</b> |
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Project Sponsor Address  
**2034 Northridge Dr**

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| City<br>Bismarck | State<br>ND | Zip Code<br>58501 | Telephone Number<br>406-850-8785 |
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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: **\$20,627.75**  
(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)  
Match Funding \$5,156.94  
**OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement:**  
**Total New Funding requested for this Reporting Period \$15,470.81**

Total Funds Spent to Date  
Match Funding \$60,966  
In-kind Funding \$9,555 + In kind equipment and labor from JMAC and Bobcat/Doosan (Value was approx. \$30,000)  
Total Funding Expended/requested to Date \$147,966.03

Balance of Grant Funds  
Match Funding \$480,900  
In-kind Funding \$9,555 + JMAC & Bobcat/Doosan  
OHF Funding still to be Requested \$332,934  
Total Funding to be Expended on this Project

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

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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

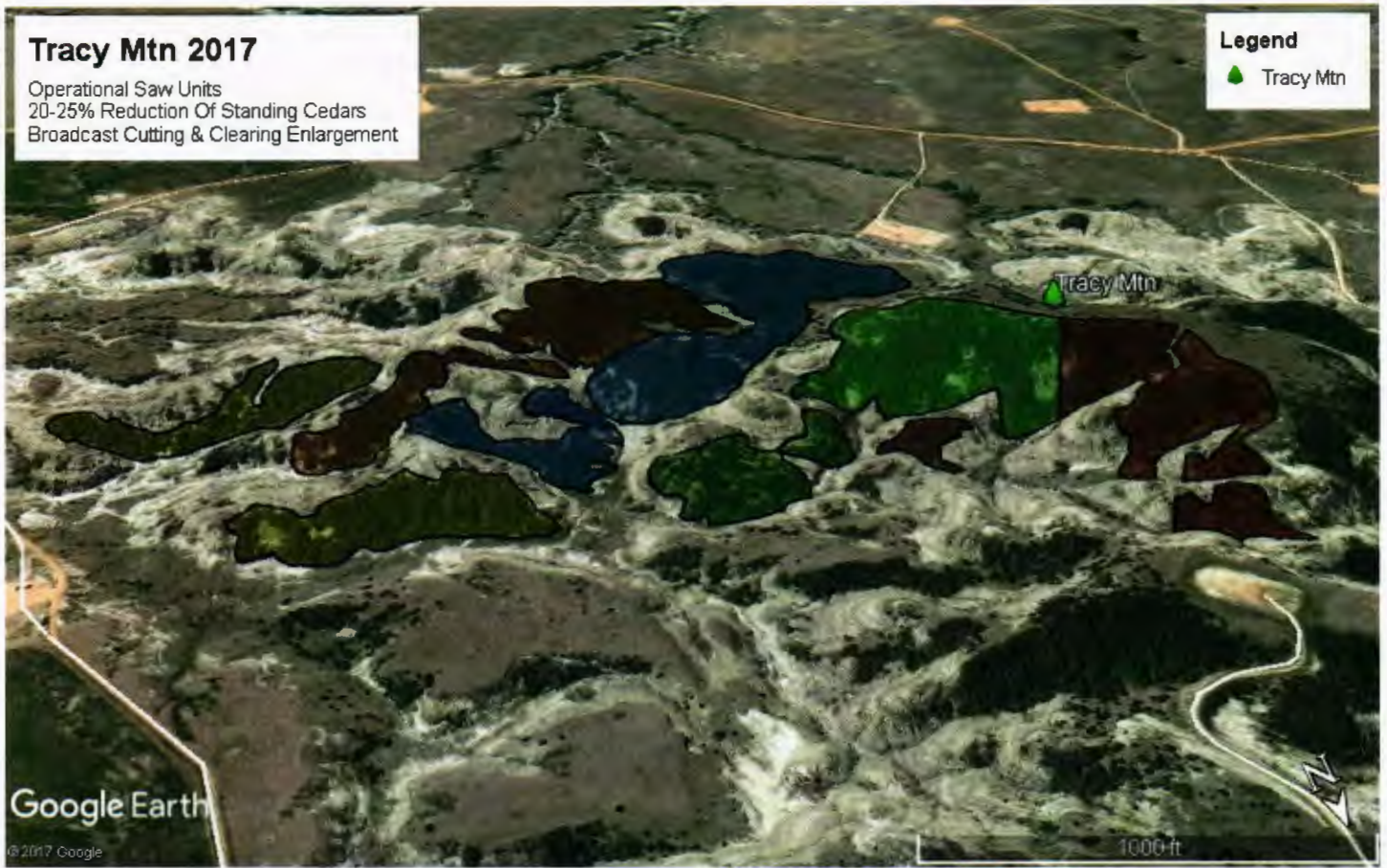
**MDF/OHF #10: Tracy Mountain Juniper Removal Project**

The purpose of this project is to improve the habitat conditions while decreasing Juniper encroachment in a prime Mule Deer habitat area through the use cutting and eventually a controlled burn. This is Phase one of the project. The project area encompasses approximately 200 acres of land of which was prime grazing land but over the past several decades the habitat was taken over by the cedar/juniper coming over the top and spreading down south and east facing slopes and onto the prairie. By removing the juniper/cedar, this will open up the area to allow more forbs & grass regeneration. This land is adjacent to federal and state land with mule deer, elk and big horn as well as upland game. This property is also within the impacted areas of energy extraction with several wells and a refuse storage unit.

The work will be conducted by a well-known, professional contractor by the name of Badger Creek Wildfire of Poplar, MT. BCW has worked with the NDGF on other projects in North Dakota and comes recommended. Phase One (cutting project) will require much more man-hours, as more time with a chainsaw will be needed to secure a proper fire line. After reviewing the unit, it has been noted that the best option would be a broadcast felling operation. A broadcast felling operation would be implemented by felling cedars in a sequence that would improve ladder fuels increasing the probability of ignition on standing cedars. The felling operation would be conducted throughout the unit with attention to terrain features that improve the spread of fire. The private landowner, Kim Shade, is a very willing cooperater and has had his land contracted in the Private Lands Open To Sportsman program and has added another seven years to his agreement.

Phase two will be a controlled burn by the same company, which has conducted controlled burns in ND over the past several years. As per our agreement, we will be in contact with local firefighters and take all precautions when that time does come. In addition, many volunteers will be on hand and trained in spark and fire prevention and spaced around the outlying area. Contractor will work closely with the landowner, rural fire and NDGF to ensure that all precautions and plans are shared and actions are agreed upon.

Total Cost of Phase One Project; Estimated at \$60,000.  
This is the first installment



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.

N/A

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.