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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 004-060	Report Date 6/27/2016	Period Covered by Report 1/1/16-6/30/16
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Project Name
Western North Dakota Habitat Enhancement Projects

Project Sponsor Name
Mule Deer Foundation

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Johnson, Marshall	Responsible Official's Title Regional Director
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Project Sponsor Address
2016 Burlington Ave

City Billings	State MT	Zip Code 59102	Telephone Number 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 - \$0
(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)
Match Funding \$ 0
In-kind Funding \$ 0

OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement
Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period **\$0**

Total Funds Spent to Date
Match Funding \$10,201.83
In-kind Funding \$0
OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement- **\$30,605.48**
Total Funding Expended to Date **\$30,605.48**

Balance of Grant Funds
Match Funding \$480,900
In-kind Funding \$
OHF Funding still to be Requested \$450,294.52
Total Funding to be Expended on this Project **\$0**

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)

Currently we are working on three habitat projects in which we are awaiting the receipts to file for grant reimbursement. Our first project last year was a huge success as it was the catalyst to two more projects this year. The project was on the George Schmidt property SE of Belfield, ND in an area adjacent to what has been called the "Little Badlands". The project was developed to develop and restore natural grasslands habitat as well as add the landowners property into PLOTS for six years. The landowner was very happy with the results last fall and decided to add another 180 acres this spring for a total of 448 acres. The landowner hired a neighbor to complete the work of seeding and project funds will be used to reimburse the landowner for the seed, gas and new habitat establishment incentive payment. The land was seeded with the following seed and percentage:

Pubescent Wheatgrass – 30%

Alfalfa – 20%

Switchgrass – 15%

10% or less of

Canada Wildrye, Big Bluestem, Sideoats Grama, Cicer Milkvetch and Sweet Clover.

The gentleman that had done the work for Mr. Schmidt, Byron Richards, contacted NDGF and MDF with regard to our program as he was impressed on how the program works and the results. Mr. Richards contacted me to discuss developing a plan for some property he purchased NE of Beach, ND, a mere 22,000 acres! The land purchase was finalized in late January and during this time he has been working with the NDGF Private Lands Biologist to discuss priorities to bring the land back to a native state in several areas, develop a grazing method to ensure the health of the land and to restore the Beaver Creek riparian area as it had been over used by livestock. Additionally this land would be placed in the PLOTS program. The Mule Deer Foundation contacted RMEF, PF & NWTF to gauge interest in assisting with this project as it is a large scale lands project that will encompass a water project, pulling bad fence and replacing with wildlife friendly fencing, riparian restoration and access/primitive camping areas. With regard to the pulling of dilapidated fencing, XTO Energy and Hess Corporation provided the grants, \$2000 apiece, to purchase two wire pullers with split spools. This machinery can pull a mile of 4/5 strand wire in a few hours saving a tremendous amount of time and labor costs. MDF volunteers will be running this machinery on the Richards Habitat Projects.

We have also completed a project NE of Watford City and will be applying for funds in July. This property is in the heart of the Bakken Oil Fields and was used for its mineral of Scoria for roadwork and pads. The company that was mining the scoria left the state in 2015 and did a poor job of reclamation. This property is in prime mule deer habitat in ND and is located in McKenzie County, N/NE of Watford City, T151 N R 98 W section 12 and is 235 acres. The project will reclaim 67 acres of a former scoria pit and enhance another 41.6 acres of non-cropland. JMAC Resources will provide in-kind services to the landowner to provide the labor and machinery to till and reseed. MDF will cover the costs of the first year soil payment and the cost of the seed. This project leveraged a six year agreement with the Private Land Open To Sportsman program (PLOTS) Re-seeded: Tall Wheatgrass, Intermediate wheatgrass, Sideoats Grama, Switchgrass, Vernal Alfalfa, Travois Alfalfa, YB Sweet Clover, Purple Prairie Clover, White Prairie Clover and Oats.



Below is a map and legend of the Thorland Scoria Reclamation Project



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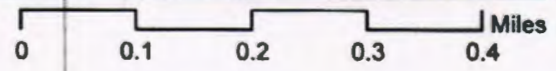
McKenzie COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

T. 151 N., R. 98 W., Section 12 Total Acres 235.0



 Access Boundary
 Habitat - non-cropland

 Section Lines
 Habitat - Cropland



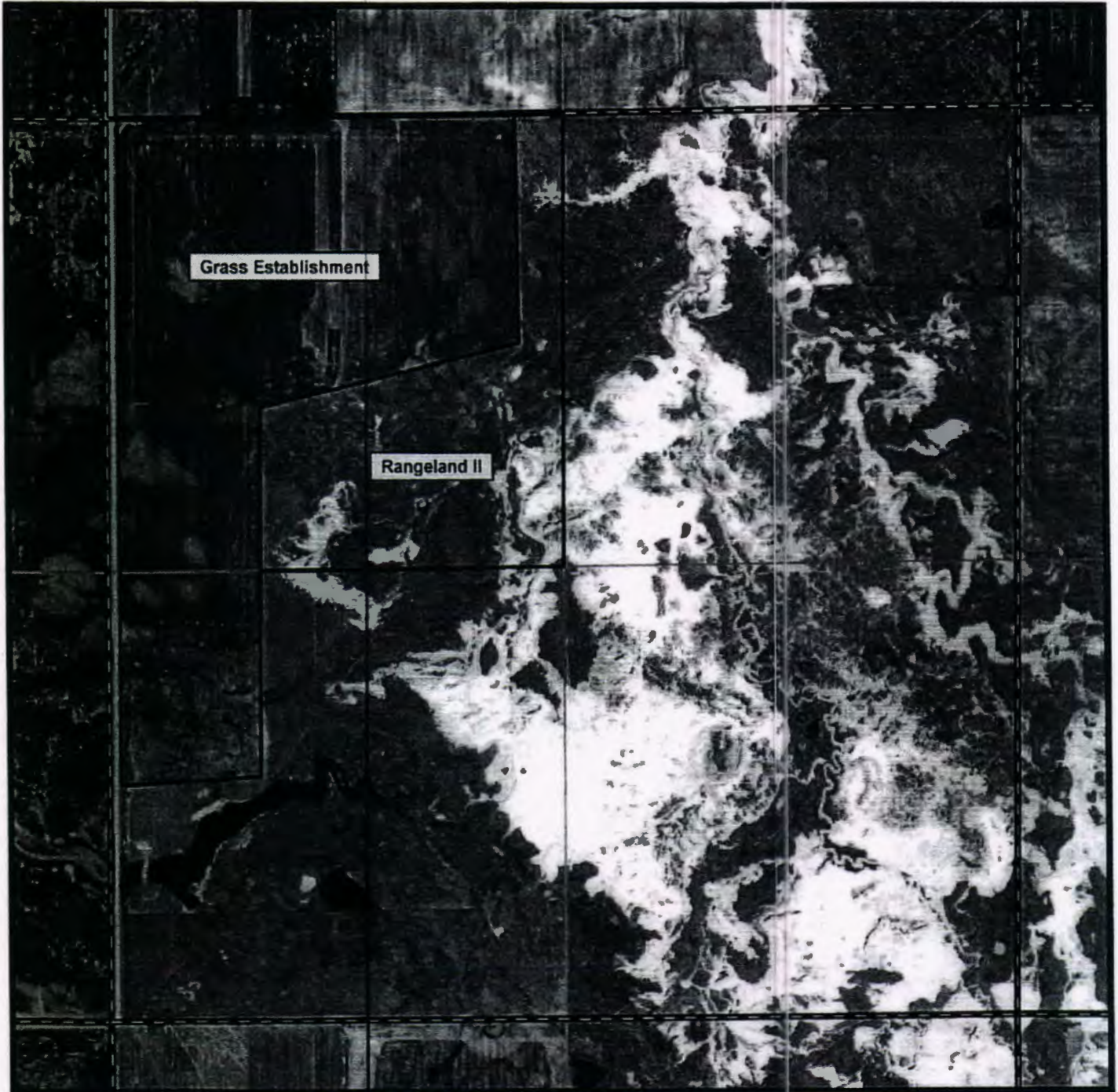
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George Schmidt 2016 Habit Project

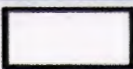
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Stark COUNTY, STATE OF North Dakota

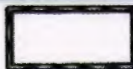
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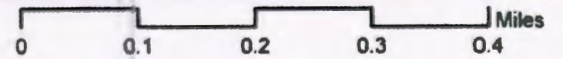
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Habitat



Access
Boundary



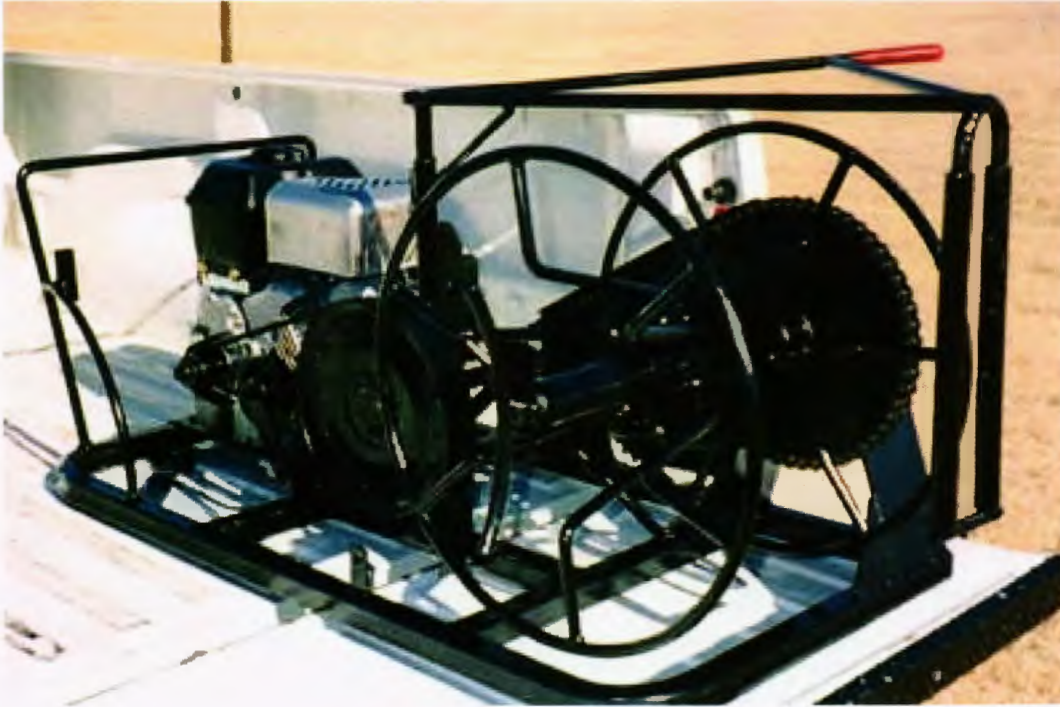
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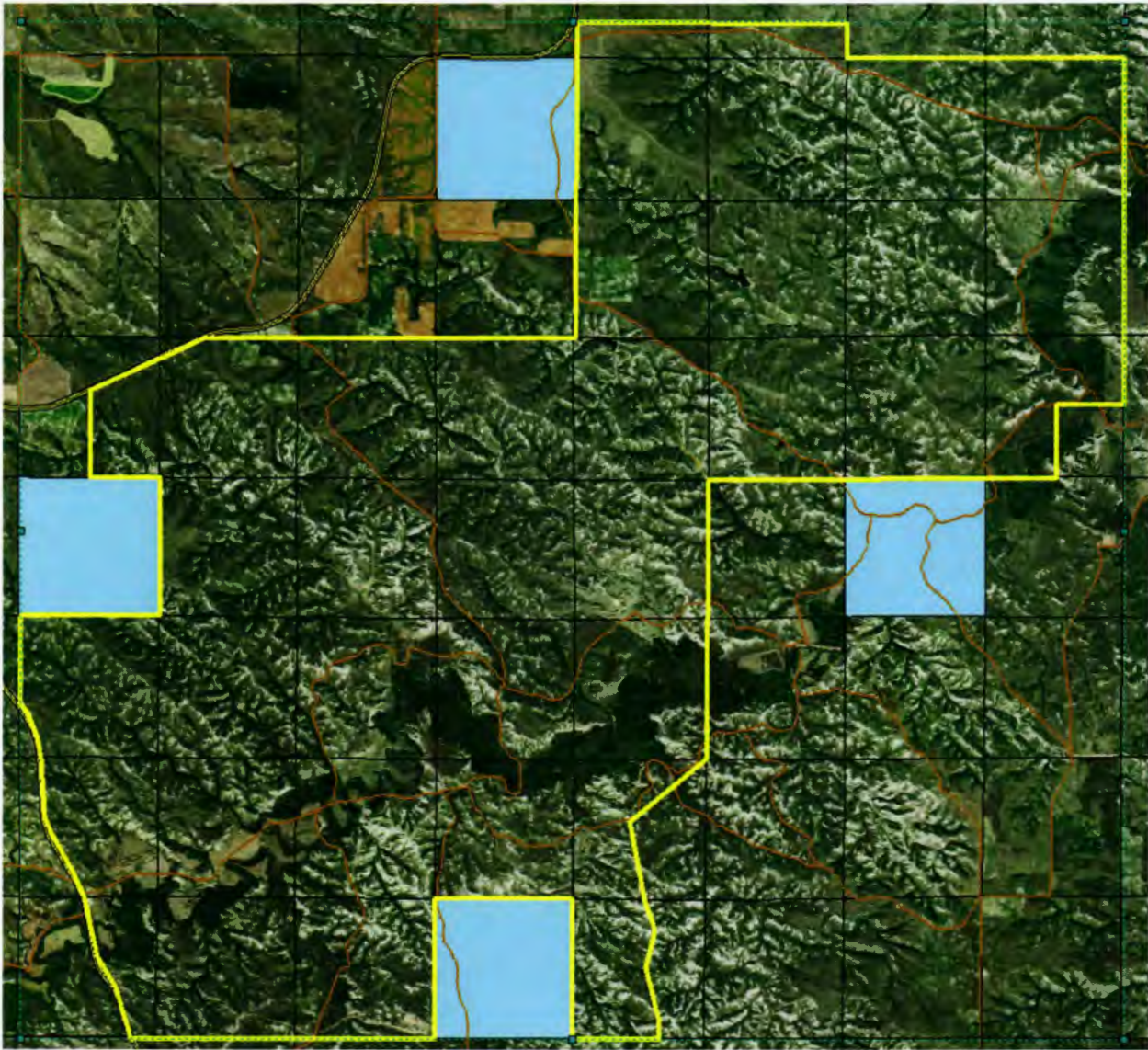
Richards Habitat Projects

Wire Puller



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Below is a map of the Richards Property



Current view of Beaver Creek

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.

N/A

Signature of Responsible Official

Marshall Johnson

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