

## Instructions

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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 011-129	Report Date 12/31/2021	Period Covered by Report 10/01/2020-10/31/2021
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Project Name  
**Stutsman County Prairie Management Toolbox**

Project Sponsor Name  
**Audubon Dakota**

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) <b>Hewitt, Sarah</b>	Responsible Official's Title <b>Conservation Programs Manager</b>
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#### Financial Update

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

	<b>Funds Spent THIS Reporting Period*</b>	<b>Total Funds Spent to Date</b>	<b>Balance of Remaining Funds</b>
Match Funding	\$37,614.94	\$146,845.43	\$325,771.57
In-kind Funding	\$33,407.07	\$100,136.88	\$161,628.12
OHF Funding	\$95,977.05	\$279,317.37	\$664,171.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$166,999.06</b>	<b>\$526,299.68</b>	<b>\$1,151,571.32</b>

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:**

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

During the reporting period of 10/01/20-10/31/21, Audubon Dakota continued to enroll and implement the Stutsman County Prairie Management Toolbox through grazing infrastructure installation, prairie restoration, and invasive species removal. North Dakota OHF dollars supported the following projects in Stutsman County:

**Grazing Infrastructure:**

- Liz Smith: \$6,062.58, 274 acres.  
4,710 feet of fencing and water well. Tank and solar pump were completed in November 2021 and will be submitted for reimbursement on next report.
- Frank Redlin: \$9,385.38, 6,560 acres  
Fencing was installed.
- Leona Moser: \$8,634.77, 410 acres  
Two tanks, 1,200 feet of pipeline, and 2,755.57 feet of fencing were installed.
- Gregory Hoskin and Nicolette Flann: \$1,481.07, 1,570 acres  
2 spring development projects were completed.
- Tyler Szarkowski: \$12,173.40, 58.7 acres  
8,760 feet of fencing installed.

**Prairie Restoration:**

- Audubon Dakota: \$53,042.35, 407 acres  
Custom seed mix was purchased for the seeding of 407 acres at Edward M. Brigham III Sanctuary at Alkali Lake. Seeding was scheduled for fall 2021; however, was delayed to spring 2022 due to persistent drought conditions.

**Invasive Species Control:**

- Donald Buegel: \$3,637.50, 90 acres.
- Frank Redlin: \$1,560, 91 acres  
Invasive species were removed.

Additionally, while hard costs have not yet been expensed, Audubon Dakota staff made substantial progress on the fencing and water development project at Edward M. Brigham III Sanctuary at Alkali Lake. Project maps and details have been finalized and include 15,902 feet of pipeline and 25,600 feet of perimeter fencing. The contractor bidding process has been completed and winning contractors have received draft contracts. Installation was scheduled to commence fall 2021; however, supply shortages caused delays that extended beyond the workable field season. Work will begin as soon in the spring of 2022 as conditions allow.

During the 2021 field season, Audubon Dakota staff completed avian and vegetation surveys at 4 project sites to evaluate the applied management impact to site diversity and inform further habitat management decisions. The staff encountered over 270 birds with an average of 8 different species per transect among 71 transects. Four of the 10 Audubon priority bird species for the Dakotas were found on project sites: Sharp-tailed grouse, Grasshopper sparrow, Western meadowlark, and bobolink.

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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Signature of Responsible Official

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12/15/21





Donald Buegle Invasive Species Removal  
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