

## 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 10/31/2020	Period Covered by Report 01/01/2020-09/30/2020
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Project Name  
**Stutsman County Prairie Management Toolbox**

Project Sponsor Name  
**Audubon Dakota**

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) <b>Johnson, Marshall</b>	Responsible Official's Title <b>V.P., Executive Director</b>
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Project Sponsor Address  
**2315 University Drive North, Suite 15**

City Fargo	State ND	Zip Code 58102	Telephone Number 701-298-3373
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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	(\$32,612.70)	\$76,617.79	\$395,999.21
In-kind Funding	\$39,489.98	\$106,219.79	\$155,545.21
OHF Funding	\$98,062.24	\$281,402.56	\$662,086.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104,939.52</b>	<b>\$464,240.14</b>	<b>\$1,213,630.86</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:**

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Since the last reporting period, it was discovered that three invoices from Frank Redlin totaling \$28,956.01 and one invoice from Nicolette Flann totaling \$30,920.40 (grand totaling \$59,876.41 in expenses) were incorrectly recorded as cash match instead of billable to OHF grant funds. Correcting journal entries were completed on 6/30/2020. As a result, after adding in \$27,263.71 of current landowner cash match, current cash match reflected in this reporting period is negative \$32,612.70.

During the reporting period of 1/1/20-9/30/20, 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:**

- Sherry Kramlich/Leona Moser: \$33,812.49, 410 acres.
  - | Fencing and livestock water development on high quality native prairie.
- Delbert Schuette: \$8,747.91, 28 acres
  - | Fencing was installed to allow stocking cattle on grass that had never been grazed.

**Prairie Restoration:**

- Frank Redlin: \$8,843.40, 91 acres
  - | A native seed mix was interseeded into an existing degraded stand of grass.

**Invasive Species Control:**

- Irene Paasch: \$300, 51.5 acres.
  - | Russian olives invading a native grassland planting were pulled and cut by a local contractor.

Additionally, during the 2020 summer, Audubon Dakota staff completed avian and vegetation surveys at 15 project sites to evaluate the applied management impact to site diversity and inform further habitat management decisions. The staff encountered almost 1800 birds with an average of 14 different species per transect among 39 transects. Seven of the 10 Audubon priority bird species for the Dakotas were found on project sites. One of them, the Western Meadowlark, was recorded 92 times. The highest number and density of this species were found on sites with completed projects.

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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Paasch post Russian olive removal. Photo: NAS





Schuetz Fencing. Photo: NAS





Upland sandpiper nest at Patzer property. Photo: NAS



