Contract No. 013-140

ND Grassland Restoration Project

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PARTICIPANTS

 NDNRT
 \$ 33,000.00

 USFWS Partners for Fish & Wildlife
 \$ 27,500.00

 Landowners
 \$ 90,000.00

Subtotal **Cash & In-kind** Cost Share \$150,500.00

North Dakota Industrial Commission \$104,500.00

Subtotal **OHF** Funding \$104,500.00

Total Project Cost \$255,000.00

Project Schedule: 3 years Project Deliverables

Contract Date: 12/28/2018 Status Report: July 1, 2019 ✓
Start Date: 12/28/2018 Status Report: February 1, 2020 ✓
Completion Date: 2/1/2022 Status Report: July 1, 2020 ✓
Status Report: February 1, 2021 ✓

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Final Report: February 1, 2022 *Completed early.

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

This objective of this project is to assist landowners with cost-share to plant grass and collectively work on a management plan to maximize wildlife benefits and agricultural production. The seeded acres will be used for three main purposes: 1.) Livestock grazing, in which a rotational grazing plan will incorporate a grazing and resting/recover period. 2.) Hayland with a haying day after July 15th. 3.) Habitat seeded specifically for wildlife conservation. The goal is to restore 2,000 acres of grassland.

STATUS:

The contract has been approved and executed by all the parties.

July 2019

The project has entered into 4 landowner agreements in Bottineau, Benson, and LaMoure counties. Most of the work will be completed in the spring of 2020.

Agreement	County	Acres Seeded	PLOTS?
1-19	Bottineau	110	No
2-19	Benson	82.2	No

February 2020

The project has six landowner agreements in Burleigh, Bottineau (2), Benson, Logan, and LaMoure counties. During 2019, three of these agreements in Bottineau, Benson, and LaMoure counties were completed. The landowners planted a total of 330.9 acres. During this status report period, one agreement was completed in LaMoure County for 138.7 acres. Most of the work will be completed in spring of 2020.

Agreement	County	Acres Seeded	PLOTS?
3-19	LaMoure	138.7	No

The following activity was reported, totaling 903.8 acres:

		Acres	
Agreement	County	Seeded	PLOTS?
02-20	Divide	256.6	No
03-20	Divide	123.8	No
06-20	Ward	153	No
07-20	Pierce	215	No
08-20	Williams	110.4	No
09-20	Bottineau	13	No
10-20	Ward	32	No

The funds have been completely obligated and projects will be completed in the spring of 2021.

February 2021

The following activity was reported, totaling 1,347 acres:

Agreement	County	Acres Seeded	PLOTS?
04-19	Bottineau	103.9	No
05-19	Logan	25	No
01-20	Burleigh	211.6	No
04-20	Burleigh	65	No
05-20	Eddy	807.1	No
11-20	Kidder	61.4	No
13-20	Emmons	43	No
14-20	McHenry	30	No

July 2021

The following activity was reported, totaling 137.5 acres:

Agreement	County	Acres Seeded	PLOTS?
12-20	McHenry	70.0	No
15-20	Burleigh	67.5	No

The project is complete, accomplishing 2,720.19 acres of grassland restoration in 13 different counties with 20 landowners. This contract is now closed with a returned commitment of \$103.19.

Dated 8/27/2021