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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	Report Date	Period Covered by Report
013-144	December 31, 2020	7/1/2020 – 12/18/2020
Project Name North Central Soil Health and Habitat		
Project Sponsor Name Pheasants Forever Inc.		
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Bush, Rachel Marie		Responsible Official's Title State Coordinator
Project Sponsor Address PO Box 7403		
City Bismarck	State ND	Zip Code 58503
Telephone Number 701.403.4853		

Financial Update

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

	Funds Spent THIS Reporting Period*	Total Funds Spent to Date	Balance of Remaining Funds
Match Funding			
Incentive Payment	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-kind Funding			
Pheasants Forever	\$511.37	\$6,274.68	\$37,350.32
Landowners	\$0	\$807.18	\$34,192.82
OHF Funding	\$0	\$1,165.74	\$51,334.26
Total	\$511.37	\$8,247.60	\$122,877.40

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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Pheasants Forever requested and was approved a budget modification to this grant. This has allowed us to move forward on the delivery of this grant. Within the grant reporting period Pheasants Forever advertised and hired a staff dedicated to working within this grant project area. Our new staff member started on November 30th and has quickly went to work making connections within the area. We worked to update the North Central Soil Health & Habitat promotional flyer to include the most up-to-date program information as well as staff contact information. During this reporting period on-the-ground work has been completed for a contract resulting in 40 acres of perennial cover, however payments have not yet been made on this contract.

While we are still behind where we would like to be in the delivery of this grant, we hope that by having a dedicated staff within the project area, we can begin to deliver on the ground results at the pace we originally intended

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.

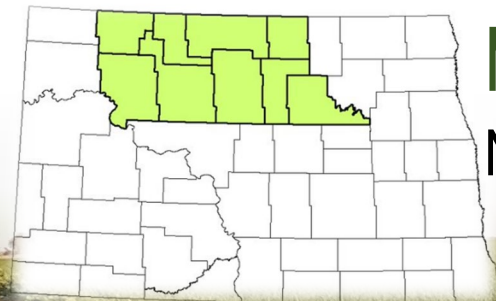
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Signature of Responsible Official

Rachel M. Bush, State Coordinator



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North Central Soil Health & Habitat Program



THE PROBLEM

Salt-impacted soils (excess levels of salts in the soil solution) are an increasing concern for North Dakota farmers, with an estimated 5.8 million acres affected in the state. The salts limit a crop's ability to take up water resulting in symptoms similar to drought-stress. This not only reduces yields, but in many cases, leaves barren areas in fields that are susceptible to soil erosion.

THE PROGRAM

The North Central Soil Health and Habitat Program seeks to address salinity issues impacting soil health in Benson, Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, and Ward counties through cost-sharing seed for cover crop and grass mixes. Growing green in these areas allows water to move through a plant and transpire without raising salts to the surface, reducing inputs on those acres while lowering salt levels and providing wildlife habitat.



PROGRAM DETAILS

- 60% cost-share on cover crop and grass mixes
- Customized seed mixes provided by Pheasants Forever staff
- Flexible short-term contracts
- Haying or grazing permitted outside of the primary nesting season (April 15-August 1)

BENEFITS



Decrease Input
Costs

Rehabilitate Salt-
Impacted Areas



Reduce Soil
Erosion

Create Wildlife
Habitat



PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions or interested in learning more about the North Central Soil Health and Habitat Program? Contact Joey Rasco with Pheasants Forever at jrasco@pheasantsforever.org or (636) 295-1398

