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Project Summary

Project Name and Contact

Project Name:	Phasianus WPA/WMA Complex Enhancement Project	Project Manager:	Michael Schultz
		Title:	PF FBB Biologist
Organization Name:	McLeod County Pheasants Forever	Phone:	320-693-7287
		Email:	mschultz@pheasantsforever.org
Organization Type:	Non-Profit		
Mailing Address 1:	10243 155th St.		
Mailing Address 2:			
City:	Glencoe,		
State:	MN		
Zip Code:	55336-7503		

Project Location Summary

Primary County:	McLeod	Secondary Land Ownerships:	State
Nearest City:	Biscay		
Project Site Name:	Phasianus WPA/WMA		
Primary Land Ownership:	Federal		

Project Activity Summary

Primary Activity:	Enhancement	Primary Habitat Type:	Prairie
Additional Activities:	Restoration	Additional Habitats:	Wetland
Total Project Sites:	2		
Total Project Acres:	231		

Project Funding Summary

Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$17,425
Total Match Amount Pledged:	\$2,000
Additional Funding:	\$8,500
Total Project Cost:	\$19,425
Estimated Project Completion Date:	2013-06-30

: Additional funding comes from the USFWS management work being done in correlation to the grant application. An estimated \$3,000 is slated for tree and stump removal for the project along with an additional \$5,500 to complete a prescribed burn on 160 acres of the complex.

Summary

The Phasianus Complex is located in central McLeod County and contains 621 acres of permanently protected public hunting land; 517 acres of USFWS WPA and 50 acres of MN DNR WMA. The USFWS and DNR are partnering with the local PF chapter on a four-phase enhancement/restoration project on restored prairie and wetland habitats. Phase I, Winter, WPA; Cutting trees in and around the wetland basins over frozen ground (because of very wet conditions this year). Phase II, June, WPA; After a spring prescribed burn and some cutting of stumps to prevent tire damage, an application of Milestone herbicide on the Canada thistle (and sprouting cottonwood) will be done. Phase III, Summer, WMA (some WPA); A MCC crew will be cutting and treating all WMA trees and

some WPA re-sprouts. Phase IV, September, WPA; A 12.5 acre wet-mesic prairie restoration. All phases of this project (except on the WMA) will be followed up USFWS monitoring and long-term maintenance.

Problem Statement

The 621 acre Phasianus Complex is one of the largest perpetually protected public restored prairie-wetland area in the county. This diverse grassland is being lost to woody encroachment and weed problems. The USFWS have developed a multi-phase project for 2011, followed by long term maintenance, to reduce the problems to manageable levels. The sooner the weedy and woody issues are addressed, the less costly the project will be. Tree removal gets more expensive as the trees get bigger; heavier equipment will be needed. Also, shading has begun to degrade a very diverse prairie restoration that would be costly to re-seed. Many declining species have been drawn to this large grassland complex. It would be wrong to let them be pushed away by tree expansion. The attached maps of the different phases of the project tell a good story of conditions.

Project Objectives

The ultimate goals of this project are to reduce tree encroachment and Canada thistle invasion to manageable levels and to restore 12.5 acres to wet-mesic prairie. Specifically, tree populations, including non-native shrubs, should be reduced to 5% of total acreage, with a management threshold of 10% (these percentages do not include native shrub species like Prairie Willow, Leadplant, Wild Rose or Wolfberry; although some native shrubs, like Red-osier Dogwood, Smooth Sumac, Sandbar Willow, Beaked Willow, Glaucous Willow and Diamond Willow may have to be assigned management thresholds). The Canada thistle population should be reduced to 5% with a management threshold of 15% (or the receipt of a weed complaint). The wet-mesic prairie restoration will include a minimum of 25 species (30-40 species are planned). Most of the benefits to the project have been, or will be, discussed in various portions of this grant proposal. They include: grassland habitat improvement and restoration for hundreds of common, uncommon and rare wildlife species; improved ground-nesting bird habitat; improved open water wetland habitat for wetland species; wet-mesic prairie restoration increases plant species diversity which, in turn, increased animal species diversity; cost savings for early project start dates and timely follow-up management of tree and weed problems; cost savings for preserving a diverse prairie restoration; positive outdoor learning experience for MCC youth; future management haying by local livestock farmers; wildflowers improve habitat for pollinators; wildflowers beautify the landscape and increase outdoor activity; improved hunting opportunities.

Methods

All work, except the MCC crew, will be done by USFWS. Following the projected timeline, in the fall of 2010, cutting trees in the wetlands and wetland edges will begin using skidsteers with timber axe and/or carbide cutter attachments. Because of the very wet year, cutting will start when the ground is frozen sufficiently to support equipment and stop if/when the snow gets too deep. Approximately 25 acres of cutting is planned (see wetland tree removal map) In the spring of 2011, a 155 acre prescribed burn will be conducted on the N end of the E tract. Shortly after the burn, the leftover stumps from a summer 2010 thistle/tree mowing will be cut short in the burnt area to prevent tractor tire damage during later management. In mid-June of 2011, an application of 5 ounces/acre of Milestone herbicide will be broadcast using a tractor and boom sprayer to control Canada thistle over much of the burn area and other smaller areas. Approximately 170 acres are planned. (see Canada thistle control map) The thistle spraying could be done earlier than mid-June, however, by waiting, we can do some major damage to the re-sprouting trees, especially the cottonwood. In the summer of 2011, a MCC crew of 4-5 will be cutting and treating all the trees on the WMA and some re-sprouting trees on the south ditchbank and the burn area on the WPA. They will be using chainsaws, brush hogs and other hand tools to cut low and will be spraying cut stumps using hand-held sprayers with a 20% solution of Garlon 4 herbicide in bark oil blue with 1/4 ounce/gallon Milestone herbicide for extended control. Approximately 23 acres are planned. (see MCC crew map) In September (October?), a 12.5 acre wet-mesic prairie restoration is planned. A fall seeding is will be attempted because this area is usually too wet for equipment in the spring. In September, the area will be sprayed with 1 1/2 to 2 quarts/acre of Cornerstone herbicide, a glyphosate product (generic Round Up). The existing vegetation is rather thin and so it shouldn't need to be broken up. In late September or early October, a diverse seeding of wet-mesic prairie grasses and forbs (minimum 25 species; probably 30-40) will be drilled in using a tractor

(with duals) and a trax drill with a trash plow. If necessary, 1 quart of glyphosate will be applied immediately after seeding. All the above activities will be monitored during the next year and followed up with appropriate management, like new seeding mowing, thistle mowing, etc.

Project Timeline

Time Frame	Goal
Fall-Winter 2010-11	Begin cutting trees/shrubs in wetlands
Spring 2011	Prescribed burn by USFWS 155 acres
May 2011	Mow off standing trees and stumps to prepare for chemical application
June 2011	Treat uplands with chemical application to kill thistles and tree re-sprouts
Summer 2011	Utilize MCC crew to cut and treat all trees on WMA/WPA complex
September 2011	Restore wet-mesic prairie 12.5 acres
2012	USFWS follow up on all stages of work completed

Identify short and long term maintenance and management work required to sustain this project and source(s) of funding

Work needed	Who is responsible	Funding source
Prescribed Burning	USFWS	USFWS
Rotational Haying	USFWS	USFWS
Chemical Applications	USFWS	USFWS
Mowing	USFWS	USFWS

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Answer each of the following questions in 1000 characters or less; descriptions/definitions are available in the [Criteria and Scoring Table](#).

1. Describe the local support for this project.

The Phasianus WPA/WMA complex has support from the McLeod County Pheasants Forever Chapter, Wildlife Habitat Conservation Society of McLeod County Inc., Minnesota DNR, US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and many neighbors.

2. Describe the degree of collaboration for this project.

The USFWS approached the local PF chapter on helping enhance/restore the Phasianus Complex prairie. Since the re-establishment of the prairie on lands being acquired in parcels over the last 10 years, woody encroachment and weed problems have occurred rather quickly on both the USFWS & DNR lands. A vigorous plan of attack to reduce these issues is planned for the near future. The USFWS long term plan is to monitor the site and manage any further weed and woody encroachment using burning, rotational haying, some chemical treatment and some reseeding over the 621 acre complex. Assistance from the DNR, the local PF Chapter and Habitat Forever will be forthcoming.

3. Describe any urgency associated with this project.

From a cost perspective, this project should start as soon as possible. Tree removal gets more expensive as the trees get bigger, needing heavier equipment to accomplish the task. Also, shading has begun to degrade a very diverse prairie restoration that would be costly to re-seed. Many uncommon animals species that require grassland that have been drawn here are now going to leave if the trees expand.

4. Discuss if there are multiple benefits resulting from your project, identifying those species, habitats, etc.

Tree removal always benefits the diversity of grassland species that are native to this area, which, partly because of unchecked tree invasion, are now the most endangered group of species in the state. Many migratory birds utilize prairie-wetland complexes like this for feeding, nesting and as resting areas in their long migrations. All local area wildlife (hundreds of species) use this area for food, breeding, escape from predators, winter cover, etc. This 621 acre complex is one of the largest expanses of permanently protected grassland open to public hunting in the county. A neighbor commented that there were between 30 and 40 vehicles parked around this complex on pheasant opener. This benefit would end if the trees are allowed to take over. Last year, over a thousand tons of native hay was harvested, for new seeding management, by local livestock people; another benefit lost with tree encroachment.

5. Discuss the habitat benefits resulting from your project.

This area was drained cropland. The wetlands were restored and the area was planted to a diverse mixture of native grasses and wildflowers. Many trees have become established since the seedings. Tree removal will restore the intended diverse grassland habitat. There has been no native prairie discovered on the complex but high diversity (50+ species) seedings were planted.

6. Describe how your project is consistent with sound conservation science.

Tree removal to encourage the rarer species found in grassland habitat is sound conservation science and follows public land management guidelines.

7. Indicate if your project is adjacent to protected lands, describing those lands (ownership, public access, etc.)

This project is taking place on a protected USFWS Waterfowl Production Area and a DNR Wildlife Management Area; a total of 621 acres, all open to the public. There are

also a few perpetual USFWS wetland easements within a mile of this complex, protecting another 40+ acres of wetlands (these are not open to the public).

8. Discuss if there is full funding secured for this project and the sources of funding.

The McLeod Pheasants Forever Chapter has funds secure for this project to be work on a reimbursement basis. Due to the recent acquisitions done in partnership with other McLeod County conservation groups the chapter is limited in paying for the whole project under there budget. The costs for each part of the project are accurate and based on last year's calculated costs of similar projects.

9. Discuss if CPL Grant funds will supplement or supplant existing funding. Discuss how these CPL funds will impact your organization's current budget.

The PF Chapter has enough funds in there budget to work on reimbursement fashion. As existing funds for the chapter are tied up as a parnter with other county conservation groups on land acquisitions, the chapter has dedicated a large portion of their budget to those projects. Working on this project in a reimbursement fashion would benefit the chapter budget for completing this project.

10. Describe public access at project site for hunting and fishing, identifying all open seasons.

This complex is open to public hunting during all applicable seasons and subject to all federal and state regulations. There are no fishing opportunities on these properties.

11. Describe the sustainability of your project.

This project should reduce the tree and weed problems to a manageable level. By completing the project with the Local PF Chapter the USFWS, who is in charge of long term maintenance, will have more financial flexibility to monitor the projects' progress and do management like rotational haying, burning, mowing and chemical treatment to keep it relatively free of weeds and woodies.

12. Discuss use of native vegetation (if applicable).

The USFWS purchases MN origin seed almost exclusively. That is supplemented with local seed harvested from district WPA native prairies. Some of the seed for the 12.5 acre wet to wet-mesic prairie planting may originate as near as 8-10 miles away on the Brownton or Penn WPAs. A 30-40 species native mix is planned for the fall of 2011.

13. Discuss your budget and why it is cost effective.

One reason the budget is cost effective because all project planning has been done by the USFWS and they are normally required to get a minimum of three bids for supplies and services. That way they tend to find the least expensive supplies and contractors. Another reason is that the USFWS has been doing land management for a long time and has found efficient ways to accomplish management goals. Also, whatever is not accomplished with this grant, the USFWS has stated they will try to complete the project when they have funds and personel available or when other future grants are acquired.

14. Describe your organization's ability to successfully complete this work, including experience in the area of interest and ability to successfully implement the proposed project. Include descriptions of your most recent grant experience and if the expected outcomes were achieved.

The local PF Chapter has been actively involved over the past 25 years, working with several grants and successfully purchasing and initiating management activities on 1000's of acres of public hunting land in McLeod County. The PF Chapter most recent grant was a DNR CPL Grant in 2002 and 2003 for management work in the form of grass establishment on Prairie Heritage WMA. The chapter was successful implementing the project and establishing the native grasses.

15. Discuss how your project supports landscape level plans. Use additional sources for information if needed or available.

The USFWS and DNR have come up with plans to manage this 621 acre complex based on landscape scale management planning and this project coincides with them. On a federal level, this project implements priorities within North American Waterfowl Management Plans' Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Implementation Plan and the North

American Bird Conservation Initiative. On a state level, Minnesota's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS); Minnesota River Prairie Subsection. The Nature Conservancy has several landscape plans covering this project; the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Ecoregion, the Prairie-Forest Border Ecoregion and the Upper Mississippi River Watershed.

16. Discuss how your project supports species plans. Use additional sources for information if needed or available.

By protecting grassland habitat from tree invasion and by restoring prairie plant species diversity, this project supports species plans under the federal Endangered Species Acts' Habitat Conservation Plan and under the Minnesota Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy; Species in Greatest Conservation Need.

17. Discuss how your project conforms to the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan.

This project fulfills the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plans' Habitat Recommendations (HR) 1 (Protect priority land habitats) by removing trees from diverse grassland and HR 5 (Restore land, wetlands and wetland-associated watersheds) by completing a wet to wet-mesic prairie restoration and removing invasive trees from grassland basins.

18. Discuss how your project conforms to the State Wildlife Action Plan (if applicable).

A large percentage of Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) utilize native prairie and/or restored grassland habitats, like what this project is all about. Some SGCN species seen recently on the project area include the Northern Harrier, Bobolink, Dickcissel and Snapping Turtle. Some SGCN species seen or heard nearby or flying over include the Sandhill Crane, Trumpeter Swan, Lesser Scaup, Common Loon and American White Pelican. There are probably other SGCN species utilizing this complex that haven't been observed yet, like the Spotted Salamander and the Sedge Wren.

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*you may group your project sites together as long as land ownership, activity and habitat information is the same for the land manager

Land Manager

Name: **Scott Glup** Phone: **320-693-2849**
Organization: **US Fish and Wildlife Service** Email: **scott_glup@fws.gov**
Title: **Project Manager**

Site Information

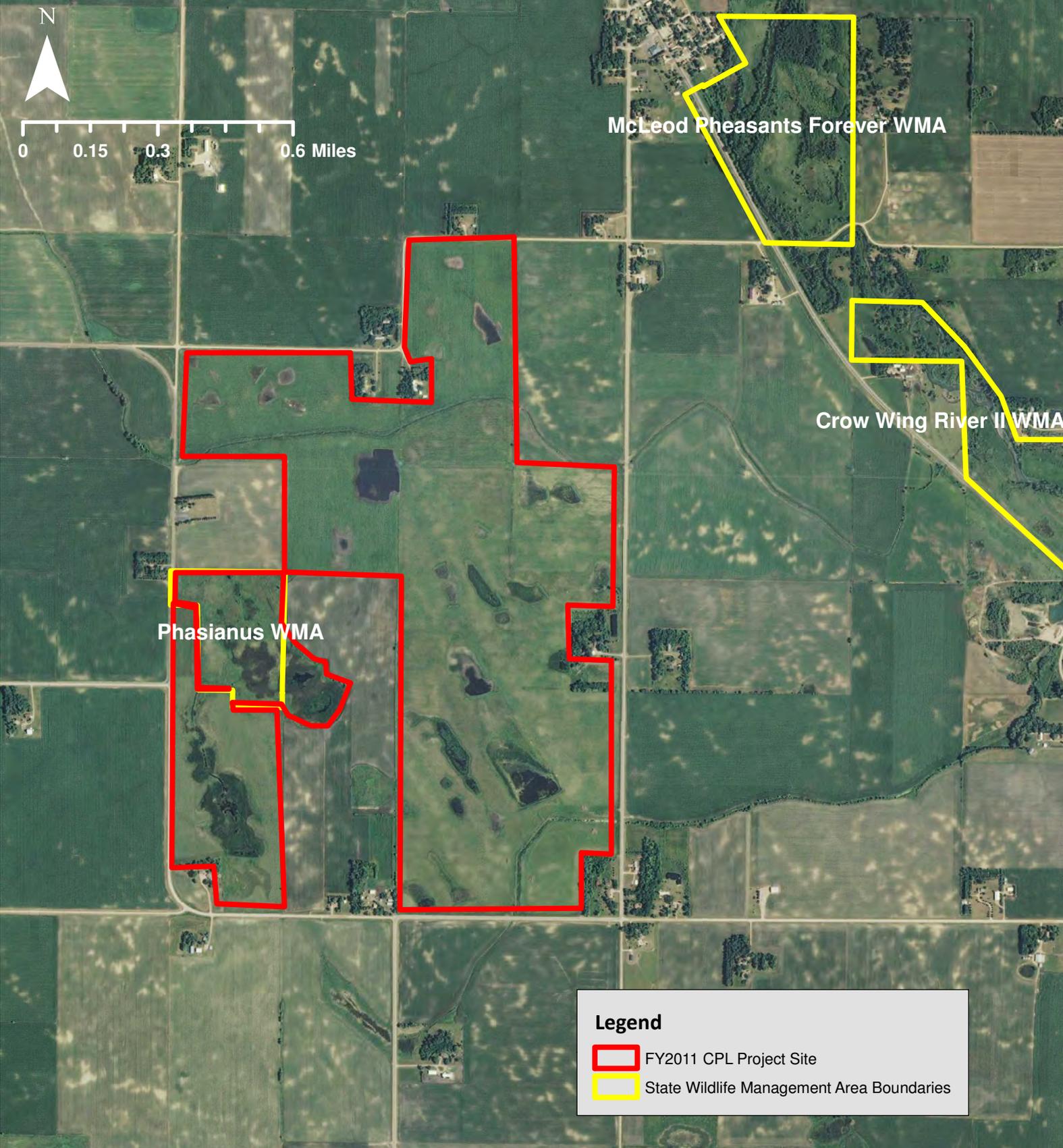
Land Ownership: **Federal** Acres: **221**
Site Name(s): **Phasianus WPA** Click here to [View Site Map](#)
Activity: **Enhancement**
Habitat: **Prairie**

Land Manager

Name: **Joe Stangel** Phone: **507-225-3572**
Organization: **MN DNR** Email: **joseph.stangel@state.mn.us**
Title: **Area Wildlife Manger**

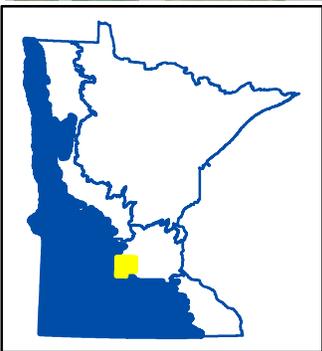
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Land Ownership: **State** Acres: **10**
Site Name(s): **Phasianus WMA** Click here to [View Site Map](#)
Activity: **Enhancement**
Habitat: **Prairie**



Legend

-  FY2011 CPL Project Site
-  State Wildlife Management Area Boundaries



**CPL FY11-038
 Phasianus WPA/WMA Complex
 Enhancement Project
 McLeod County Pheasants Forever
 McLeod County
 LSOHC Prairie Planning Section**



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Organization's Fiscal Contact Information

Name:	Jeffrey Jensen	Street Address 1:	PO Box 446
Title:	McLeod PF Treasurer	Street Address 2:	
Email:	jeffreyj@cbhutch.com	City:	Hutchinson
Phone:	320-234-0608	State:	MN
		Zip Code:	55350

Budget Subtotals

Budget Item	Grant	Match	Total		
Personnel	\$425		\$425		
Contracts	\$17,000	\$2,000	\$19,000		
Fee Acquisition with PILT					
Fee Acquisition without PILT					
Easement Acquisition					
Easement Stewardship				In-kind Total	Cash Total
Travel (in-state)				\$0	\$2,000
Professional Services					
DNR Land Acquisition Cost					
Equipment/Tools/Supplies					
Additional Budget Items					
Total:	\$17,425	\$2,000	\$19,425		

Details

Personnel

Name	Title / work to be completed	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Michael Schultz	Administration	\$425	Grant	
Totals	Grant: \$425 Match: \$0	Total: \$425		

Contracts

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
TBD	Tree Removal	\$7,500	Grant	
TBD	Spray Uplands for Thistle	\$3,000	Grant	
Minnesota Conservation Corps	Remove Scattered Trees	\$3,000	Grant	
TBD	Restore wet-mesic prairie	\$3,500	Grant	
MCC	Remove Scattered Trees	\$2,000	Match	Cash
Totals	Grant: \$17,000 Match: \$2,000	Total: \$19,000		

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Project Review and Approval

A Project Review and Approval Form must be completed by each Land Manager named within the Site Info tab and Land Managers only need to complete one form for all sites they manage. Submitting this form fulfills the following requirements:

- Provides the results of the Natural Heritage Database Review,
- Allows for technical review of the project by the Land Manager, and
- Verifies that the public agency approves the work to be done (or acquisition) on land they manage.

You, as the applicant, are responsible for meeting with the Land Manager and receiving a completed Project Review and Approval Form. This form must contain an original signature from the Land Manager and you must upload it below as a PDF.

Each project will require at least one Project Review and Approval form. You may attach up to 4 forms on this page, but if you need more room you may attach up to three more on the "Additional Info" tab. If your project is working under 3 Land Managers, you must receive and submit a form from each manager.

No late Project Review and Approval Forms will be accepted. Applications lacking any necessary approval forms will be deemed incomplete and not considered for funding.

Answer the following questions, then attach the form(s)

No **Natural Heritage** elements were found within my project site(s):

Project Review and Approval Forms

[Uploaded Form 1](#)

[Uploaded Form 2](#)

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION:

Land manager/ easement holder name:	Scott Glup
Agency:	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Title:	Project Manager
Phone:	320-693-2849
Email:	scott_glup@fws.gov

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Phasianus WPA/WMA Complex Enhancement Project
Contact Person:	Michael Schultz
Organization:	McLeod Pheasants Forever
Email:	mschultz@pheasantsforever.org

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- I have read the application and discussed this proposed project with the above listed Organization Contact Person.
- For work on easements, the private landowner has been contacted and has given support and approval for this project.

I have performed a Natural Heritage Database review and found:

- this project to have no features within one mile.
- this project to have features within one mile, but project is not likely to adversely affect those features. I have listed the features below and recommended the following minimization strategy:

- this project is likely to adversely affect Natural Heritage features. I feel that this project is important and should be forwarded to DNR Ecological Resources staff for further review.

I do not have access to the Natural Features database and will forward this completed form to DNR by Friday, August 27th 2010 to CPL Staff at LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us to complete the Natural Heritage Review.

I have discussed what role my office will be expected to have in this project and find that the project, as described will require:

- minimal or no involvement from my office for completion.
- a commitment of involvement by staff that is reasonable and can be accomplished with current staffing levels and workload.
- an amount of staff involvement that cannot be committed during the project time period with current staffing levels. Unless additional staffing can be committed from other offices, Divisions or appropriate partners, I feel this project cannot be completed within the project timeline to our desired standards.

I have discussed permits and applications that the applicant may be responsible for using the Working on DNR Lands and Working on Public Lands, or Working on Private Lands documents.

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

For Acquisitions Only:

- This project is for an acquisition to be transferred to a public agency by applicant:
- I have discussed any required Initial Development (facilities, habitat, etc.) work that is required before the transfer with the applicant.
 - I have discussed all applicable costs of those developments and what party is responsible for those costs.

Complete the following cost tables (required work to bring to agency standards).

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Wetland					Choose
Totals					

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Boundary Survey			Choose
Posting/ Fencing			Choose
Wood Routed Sign			Choose
Access Roads and Trails			Choose
User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots			Choose
Well Sealing/ Site Clean-up			Choose
Total			

Upon final review of this project:

- I find this project to be consistent with sound conservation science. This work will benefit area fish, game and wildlife by restoring, enhancing or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies and habitat and is consistent with the management or stewardship plan for this land. (APPROVAL)
- I find that this project does not follow the management or stewardship plan for this land and does not fit within the long range goals for this land at this time on the local level. (DECLINE)
- I find that this project should be sent up to a higher level within the agency for further review and decision. I have forwarded the Project Planning Form and this Review and Approval Form for further review to:

Name:	Scott S. Glup	Phone:	320-693-2849
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By checking this box and signing my name below I certify that I have met with the above applicant and discussed the proposed project and have provided feedback to the applicant. I understand I must provide this document as a PDF with my original signature on it to the applicant to submit a complete application.

Name: Scott S. Glup Date: 9-13-2010

Comments:

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION:

Land manager/ easement holder name:	Joe Stangel
Agency:	MN DNR
Title:	DNR Area Manager
Phone:	507-225-3572
Email:	joseph.stangel@state.mn.us

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Name: <u>Joe M. Stangel Area Sup</u>	Phone: <u>507-225-3572</u>
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Date: 9/13/10

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List any additional details about your project here. Include your organization's history or charter to receive private contributions for local conservation or habitat projects. This is not required.

Supplemental Documents

If you / your project does not need to upload any of these documents, you may leave these upload boxes empty.

Upload additional information here, limited to Partner Commitment Letters, Letters of Support, Easement information, etc. You may email easement information only if it exceeds size limit while trying to submit the application; all other supporting documentation must be uploaded. Reference CPL Application # and name when emailing (provided upon application submission) or your email will be returned. Send emails to LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us

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**WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION
SOCIETY OF MCLEOD COUNTY INC.**

September 14, 2010

Dear CPL Panel:

I am writing in regards to the McLeod County Pheasants Forever Chapter MN DNR CPL Grant application. Our conservation organization is in support of the Phasianus WPAWMA Complex Enhancement Project in partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and MN Dept. of Natural Resources and considered a project partner.

Sincerely,



Mark Smith
President

Conservation Partners Legacy Grants - Online Applications

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Project Summary

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Application Submission

Final Application Submission

This completes your CPL Grant Application. Please take the time to revisit the previous sections and make sure you have entered everything completely and correctly. Once you hit the submit button below, you will not be able to return to this application to make changes.

I certify that I have read the Conservation Partners Legacy Grants Program Request for Proposal, Program Manual and other program documents, and have discussed this project with the appropriate public land manager, or private landowner and easement holder.

I certify I am authorized to apply for and manage these grant and match funds, and the project work by the organization or agency listed below. I certify this organization to have the financial capability to compete this project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

I certify that all of the information contained in the application is correct as of the time of the submission. If anything should change, I will contact CPL Grant Staff immediately to make corrections.

I certify that if funded I will give consideration to and make timely written contact to Minnesota Conservation Corps or its successor for consideration of possible use of their services to contract for restoration and enhancement services. I will provide CPL staff a copy of that written contact within 10 days after the execution of my grant, should I be awarded.

I certify that I am aware at least one Project Review and Approval form is required for every application and I must submit all completed forms by uploading them into this application. I have attached one form as necessary for each different Land Manager within my project.

I am aware that by typing my name in the box below, I am applying my signature to this online document.

Signature:

Michael Schultz

Organization / Agency:

McLeod County

Title:

**Pheasants Forever
Farm Bill Biologist**

Date:

**Pheasants Forever
2010-09-16**

Proj ID	Organization Name	Project Name	Habitat	Technical Review Committee Scoring Comments	Amount Request	Score	Regional Comments	Meets Region Plan?	Rank	Region	Division Director's Comments
38	McLeod County Pheasants Forever	Phasianus WPA/WMA Complex Enhancement Project	Prairie	Seems pretty well laid out, multiple phases and acres, good bang for buck. What about surrounding landscape-- tree seed source? Good sized tract.	\$17,425	148	Great Project, low cost	Y	H	4	All agree with this one being funded, good partnerships.

Final Ranking Comments, Tech Review Committee

Admin costs for all RIM--is it actual or percent? Seems high compared to others. Partially fund admin costs? (Staff had confirmed these costs with applicants and this is their request.)

1st cut: anything below 99 is gone

2nd cut: Anything below 115 gone. That's 60% score--tough to fund things getting less than 50% of the total points.

3rd cut: Anything below 120 is gone. Not totally sold on the Renville - Frank and MPCS prairie shrubland apps.

4th cut: Moved Friends of Miss River up to being funded

5th cut: If dipping lower than recommended projects, look at MPCS--is small club; and Hennepin Co--environment education focus. Pretty even applications when considering outcomes, MPCS scores higher due to criteria.

Expansion of local native seed shouldn't be funded at all.

Bottom three no funding for sure.

	1)Amount of Habitat	2)Local Support	3)Degree of Collaboration	4)Urgency	5)Multiple Benefits	6)Habitat Benefits	7)Sound Conservation Science	8)Adjacent to Protected Lands	9)Full Funding of Project	10)Supplants Existing Funding	11)Public Access for Hunting and Fishing	12)Sustainability	13)Use of Native Plant Materials	14)Budget and Cost Effectiveness	15)Capacity to Successfully Complete Work
	10.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	7.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	10.00	9.00	8.00	10.00	9.00
	8.00	9.00	9.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	7.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.00
	8.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	9.00	8.00	7.00	8.00	5.00	4.00	8.00	8.00
	7.00	6.00	7.00	5.00	6.00	8.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	7.00	8.00	7.00	8.00
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AVERAGES	8.40	7.60	7.80	5.80	6.60	8.00	7.80	8.40	8.60	7.60	9.60	7.00	7.00	8.60	8.20
TOTAL SCORE	147.80														

16)Supports Existing Landscape Level Plans	17)Supports Species Plans	18)Conforms to Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan	19)Conforms to State Wildlife Action Plan
9.00	9.00	8.00	9.00
9.00	9.00	8.00	9.00
6.00	7.00	6.00	6.00
8.00	8.00	7.00	8.00
7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
7.80	8.00	7.20	7.80