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Project Summary

Project Name and Contact

Project Name:	Rabbit River WPA Enhancements	Project Manager:	Eran Sandquist
Organization Name:	Pheasants Forever Inc	Title:	Wildlife Biologist
Organization Type:	Non-Profit	Phone:	763-242-1273
Mailing Address 1:	410 Lincoln Ave S	Email:	esandquist@pheasantsforever.org
Mailing Address 2:	PO Box 91		
City:	South Haven		
State:	MN		
Zip Code:	55382		

Project Location Summary

Primary County:	Otter Tail	Secondary Land Ownerships:	
Nearest City:	Fergus Falls		
Project Site Name:	Ridgeway, Agassiz Beachline & Spink WPA's		
Primary Land Ownership:	Federal		

Project Activity Summary

Primary Activity:	Enhancement	Primary Habitat Type:	Prairie
Additional Activities:		Additional Habitats:	Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat
Total Project Sites:	3		
Total Project Acres:	135		

Project Funding Summary

Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$21,540
Total Match Amount Pledged:	\$2,393
Additional Funding:	
Total Project Cost:	\$23,933
Estimated Project Completion Date:	0011-11-30

Summary

This project will enhance the nesting and brood rearing habitat on three existing Waterfowl Production Areas in Otter Tail and Grant Counties. Quality nesting and brood rearing habitat is paramount to maximum pheasant production. Completing grasslands enhancements like this also provides for greater recreation opportunities and hunter satisfaction on our public hunting areas.

Problem Statement

The three project sites address the limiting factor for pheasants and other game and non-game species; quality nesting and brood rearing cover. In the pheasant range of Minnesota, less than 7% of the total landscape consists of protected habitat. The Long Range Pheasant Plan states "pheasant densities increase as the proportion of undisturbed grass in the landscape increases, up to a maximum of about 50% grass". In addition to creating and enhancing grassland habitat, this

proposal also addresses a perception that Minnesotans need to manage the habitat we have more effectively. It is well documented that wildlife responds better to well managed habitat (see US F&WS HAPET web page for documentation <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/hapet/BiologicalFieldActivities.htm#TreeRemovalandGrasslandBirds>). Ridgeway WPA is a purchase that Pheasants Forever and partners completed. This parcel is currently in cropland. Spink and Agassiz Beachline are functioning WPA's in terms of existing habitat, but require grassland enhancement (tree removal) to maximize production of wildlife. Grasslands over time degrade naturally and periodic management is needed to keep them functioning properly.

Project Objectives

1. This Grassland Enhancement will provide a diversified forb mix on 125 acres of cropland on the Ridgeway Waterfowl Production Area in Otter Tail County. Site was originally purchased by PF. F&WS will provide equipment and labor to site prep and seed the site with a basic mix of native grasses and a limited amount of forbs. The grant monies would be used to purchase chemical for initial site prep, and additional forbs for the seed mix. The additional forbs will provide a diverse grassland resilient to invasion by undesirable plant species and provide better brood habitat for birds such as pheasants, prairie chickens, and other grassland songbirds. 2. This project would enhance the remaining grasslands on Agassiz Beachline and Spink Waterfowl Production Areas in Otter Tail and Grant Counties by removing a total of 10 acres of invasive volunteer trees. This is the first step in converting these acres to fully functioning grasslands. Removing the trees will improve the remainder of the WPA for nesting grassland birds. Project dollars will be used to grub and pile the trees within the project site. The F&WS will burn the piles approximately 2-3 years later and bury the remaining material and seed the site to grasses and forbs.

Methods

This proposal will purchase a diversified seed mix. We chose this activity because diversified grasslands function at maximum potential compared to more mono typic stands. Diversified grasslands also have better brood survival rates and usage rates. This proposal will also remove 10 acres of volunteer invasive trees. We will grub out and pile trees to be later burned and or buried. Materials used to perform the removal include chainsaw, brush hog and other machinery. This is the best way that we have found to address volunteer tree growth and keep the grassland ecosystem functioning at maximum capacity. All of the above mentioned activities will be contract bid on a competitive basis.

Project Timeline

Time Frame	Goal
Spring -Summer 2011	purchase chemicals & Seed Mix for Ridgeway WPA
Summer - Fall 2011	remove ten acres of volunteer trees by contract on Agassiz Beachline and Spink WPA's

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
Periodic prescribed fire (3-5 year rotation)	US Fish & Wildlife Service	US Fish & Wildlife Service

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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.

Local support for this project comes financially from the Otter Tail County PF chapter. In addition the US Fish & Wildlife Service will be contributing to the completed enhancement with in-kind services (i.e. planting , equipment, labor, etc). Local support for these projects is great and evident in the quantity and quality of work completed in this area. We have heard of no opposition to this work.

2. Describe the degree of collaboration for this project.

In addition to Pheasants Forever, the US Fish and Wildlife Service is contributing time, equipment, labor and expertise to this project. The specific project sites and activities came from the great working relationship of the Otter Tail County PF Chapter and US Fish and Wildlife Project Leader.

3. Describe any urgency associated with this project.

Site will be seeded in 2011 by US Fish and Wildlife Service with a basic grass seed mix. This project would fund the purchase of additional forb seed to add to the basic grass seed mix. Seeding the forbs at the same time as the grass seed would be the most efficient way to accomplish the work, and likely provide the best results as well. This project would contribute to the on-going efforts of the F&WS to reduce tree groves and scattered trees on important grassland WPAs.

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

Although this particular funding request is for grassland enhancement, it is part of an overall grassland-wetland enhancement project on the Ridgeway WPA. Benefitting species will include nesting waterfowl, waterbirds, resident upland birds such as pheasants and prairie chickens, and migratory grassland birds. In addition this project will benefit primarily grassland birds that require open vistas, as well as other species that are impacted by the predators (skunks, raccoons, cowbirds) that are attracted to groves of trees. Benefitting species include prairie chickens (Agassiz WPA only), pheasants, nesting waterfowl, grasshopper sparrows, and other obligate grassland birds.

5. Discuss the habitat benefits resulting from your project.

Current land status includes agricultural land and degraded grassland. Our proposal will significantly increase the carrying capacity and production of various grassland species and create a high quality diverse prairie ecosystem. Specifically the additional forbs proposed for this seeding project will provide additional vegetation structure, height, and diversity to the seed mix. These are factors that contribute to the value of a grassland for grassland birds in particular, ranging from prairie chickens to grasshopper sparrows. The diversity of the seed mix should help to reduce invasion by undesirable plant species while providing a good base for invertebrate production. The proposed removal of trees from Agassiz WPA will impact and improve the remainder of the 680 acre unit. Removal of trees from the Spink WPA will impact the remainder of the 750 acre unit. Tree removal is projected to result in higher occupancy rates by nesting grassland birds and higher production.

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

Projects were developed and selected in conjunction with local and regional US Fish & Wildlife Service Staff. All projects will meet standards and requirements for the WPA system. The farmland region of Minnesota has largely been converted with 99% of our prairies converted. The science and strategy of habitat enhancement in this part of

Minnesota is to build functional complexes of habitat where it once existed. By blending the knowledge of what makes habitat work with identifying opportunities to increase and improve an existing habitat complex, we are planning and investing in a better future for prairie wildlife in Minnesota.

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

The projects are entirely on existing Waterfowl Production Areas. In some case there are adjacent habitat easements administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. All WPA's are open to the public for appropriate recreational activities.

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

Proposed funding for this project comes from the Otter Tail County PF Chapter and Conservation Partners Legacy Grant. If fully funded we will have sufficient funds to fully complete the project as proposed.

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

This grant would supplement the existing funds committed to grassland enhancement. Without these funds, the seed mix will be lower in diversity and grasslands not function at maximum capacity. PF has also added capacity to assist in the delivery of these types of projects.

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

All lands enhanced are currently enrolled in the Waterfowl Production Area System and open to the public for hunting, birding, trapping and other outdoor recreational activities consistent with the WPA system and in association with all open hunting seasons in Minnesota.

11. Describe the sustainability of your project.

These projects are designed to be long-term and sustainable. Short-term maintenance could include mowing or other weed control measures until the stand is developed. Long-term maintenance will include management by prescribed fire or other grassland management practices and will be the responsibility of the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

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

We will use as diverse a seed mixture for the site to achieve diversity and quality habitat using plants native to Minnesota. The exact source and mix will be determined during the season of planting based on availability.

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

The budget for this project is complete and cost effective. Work will be completed on a competitive bid process ensuring the project will be completed efficiently and within budget.

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.

Pheasants Forever has a long history and proven track record of public land acquisition, enhancement and restoration within the state through RIM, NAWCA, LSOHC, and LCCMR funding sources. This request for funds is part of an overall initiative to increase and accelerate the enhancement of public lands that provide quality wildlife habitat that are open to the public for recreation. Non-state partners include local PF chapter, other non-state partners, private landowners, and federal partners) Before the passage of the OHF, PF would help acquire approximately 1,000 acres of land yearly that had been donated to a public agency. In addition, PF has added capacity to assist in the delivery of these types of projects. A new Director of Conservation Programs position was hired in December of 2009 to bring more capacity to deliver the Pheasants Forever habitat mission here in Minnesota.

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

We continually try to build upon existing investments in public/private habitat

conservation to create a higher functioning complex. We consider many factors in filtering projects including where it fits within existing or potential habitat and whether or not the protection effort will add significant value to the habitat complex (e.g. the Grassland Bird Conservation Area Concept).

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

The work of this proposal is consistent with many of the strategies and objectives of existing plans including the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, the Long-range plan for the ring-necked pheasant in Minnesota, Long-range Duck Recovery Plan, North American Waterfowl Management Plan, Partners in Flight Physiographic Area Plan for the Tallgrass Prairie.

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

H1 – Protect priority land habitats (pg. 63) – This proposal contains priority grassland important to waterfowl and other migratory birds, as well as resident game species. This proposal focuses on building habitat through enhancement helping to improve connectivity and linkages between current habitat complexes. H3 – Improve connectivity and access to outdoor recreation (pg. 76) – All WPA tracts enhanced through this proposal will be open to the public for outdoor recreational use, including hunting. H5 – Restore land, wetlands, and wetland-associated watersheds (pg. 80) – This proposal focuses efforts within the area of the state that has experienced the most dramatic habitat loss. These projects mirror historic conditions as much as practicable.

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

This effort directly enhances prairie grasslands. In cooperation with USFWS Managers, we use existing data (e.g. County Biological Survey, HAPET Thunderstorm maps, and protected lands GIS layers), to prioritize and enhance prairie grassland that improve habitat function for wildlife. Grassland species that will benefit from this project may include, but are not limited to: dickcissel, Henslow's sparrow, sedge wren, pheasants, blue-winged teal, mallards, upland sandpiper, northern shoveler, short-eared owl, bobolink, prairie chicken, and the grasshopper sparrow.

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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:	Kevin Brennan	Phone:	218-736-0627
Organization:	USFWS	Email:	kevin_brennan@fws.gov
Title:	Project Leader, Fergus Falls WMD		

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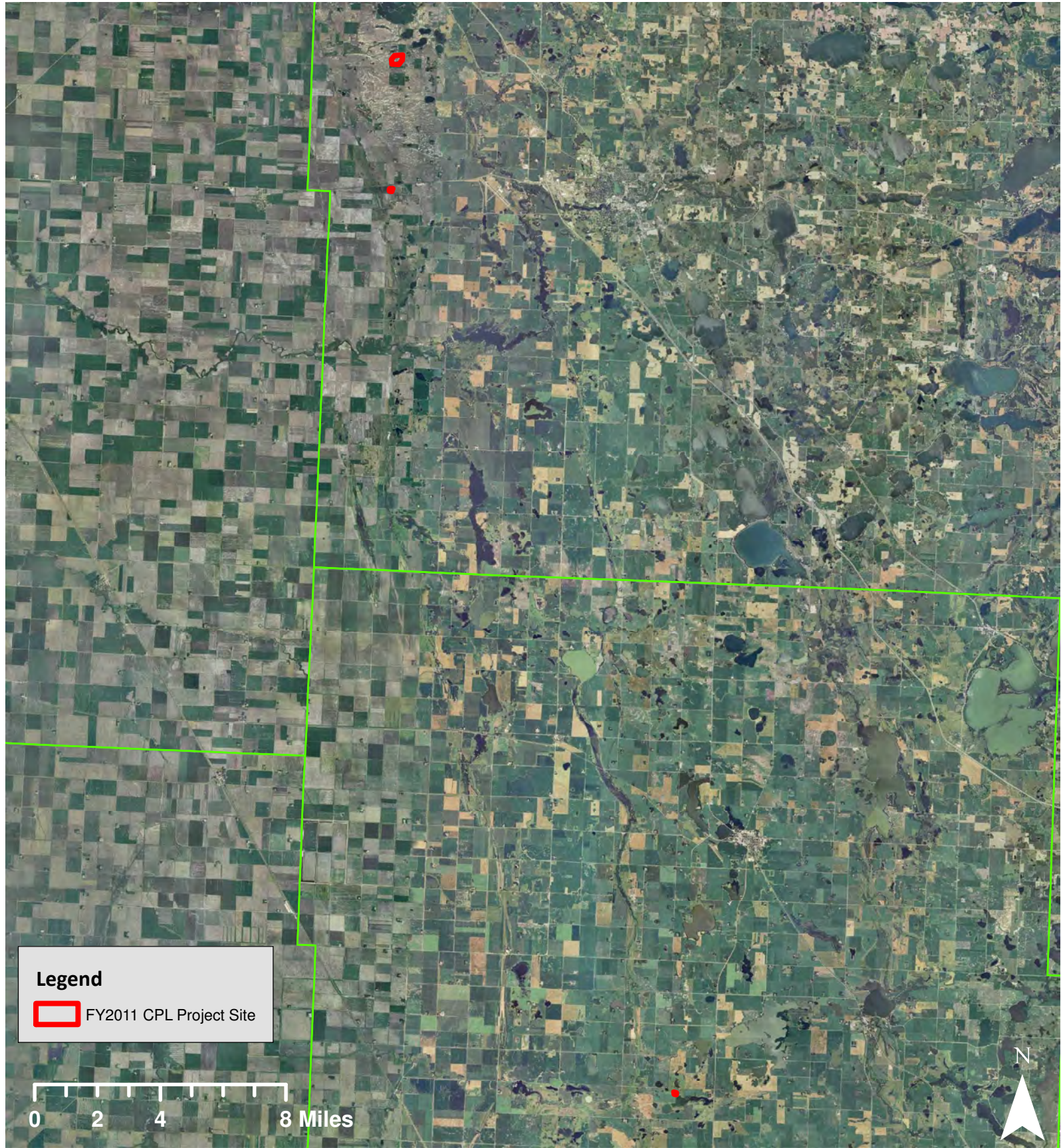
Land Ownership:	Federal	Acres:	125
Site Name(s):	Ridgeway WPA	Click here to View Site Map	
Activity:	Enhancement		
Habitat:	Prairie		

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Land Ownership:	Federal	Acres:	5
Site Name(s):	Agassiz Beachline WPA	Click here to View Site Map	
Activity:	Enhancement		
Habitat:	Prairie		

Site Information

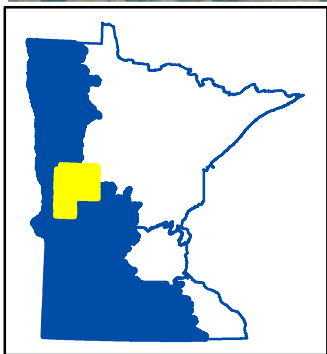
Land Ownership:	Federal	Acres:	5
Site Name(s):	Spink WPA	Click here to View Site Map	
Activity:	Enhancement		
Habitat:	Prairie		



Legend

 FY2011 CPL Project Site

0 2 4 8 Miles



CPL FY11-046
Rabbit River WPA Enhancements
Pheasants Forever Inc
Ottertail, Grant Counties
LSOHC Prairie Planning Section



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Organization's Fiscal Contact Information

Name:	Ron Leathers	Street Address 1:	1783 Buerkle Circle
Title:	Director of Public Finance	Street Address 2:	
Email:	rleathers@pheasantsforever.org	City:	St. Paul
Phone:	651-209-4919	State:	MN
		Zip Code:	55155

Budget Subtotals

Budget Item	Grant	Match	Total		
Personnel	\$525	\$58	\$583		
Contracts	\$21,015	\$2,335	\$23,350		
Fee Acquisition with PILT					
Fee Acquisition without PILT					
Easement Acquisition					
Easement Stewardship				In-kind Total	Cash Total
Travel (in-state)				\$0	\$2,393
Professional Services					
DNR Land Acquisition Cost					
Equipment/Tools/Supplies					
Additional Budget Items					
Total:	\$21,540	\$2,393	\$23,933		

Details

Personnel

Name	Title / work to be completed	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Eran Sandquist	Biologist/grant management	\$300	Grant	
Ron Leather & Staff	Grant Staff/Reimbursements	\$225	Grant	
Ron Leather & Staff	Grant Staff/Reimbursements	\$58	Match	Cash
Totals	Grant: \$525 Match: \$58	Total: \$583		

Contracts

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
TBD	Tree Removal	\$13,500	Grant	
TBD	Chemical & Seed	\$7,515	Grant	
TBD	Tree Removal	\$1,500	Match	Cash
TBD	Chemical & Seed	\$835	Match	Cash
Totals	Grant: \$21,015 Match: \$2,335	Total: \$23,350		

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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](#)

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CPL Project Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION:

Land manager/ easement holder name:	Kevin Brennan
Agency:	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Title:	Project Leader
Phone:	218/736-0627
Email:	kevin_brennan@fws.gov

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	grass enhancement_Agassiz_Spink WPAs
Contact Person:	Doug Wells
Organization:	OTCo-PF
Email:	betsyanddougwells@gmail.com

Please check the appropriate boxes:

I have read the application and discussed this proposed project

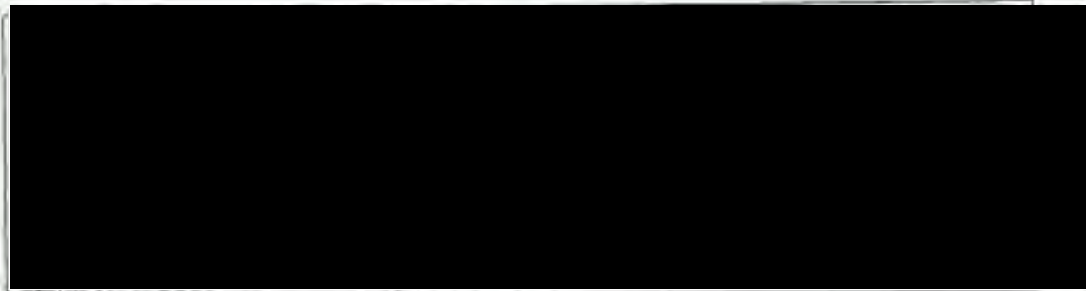
with the above listed Organization Contact Person.

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).

Habitat Development	# Acres	Cost/ Acre	Total	Funding Source	Applicant is responsible for:
Prairie Grassland					Choose
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Wetland					Choose
Totals					

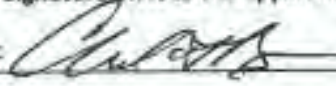
Facility Development	Cost	Funding Source	Applicant is responsible for:
Boundary Survey			Choose
Posting/ Fencing			Choose
Wood Routed Sign			Choose
Access Roads and Trails			Choose
User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots			Choose
Well Sealing/ Site Clean-up			Choose
Total			

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:	Phone:
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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:  Asst. Manager Date: 9/3/2010

Comments:

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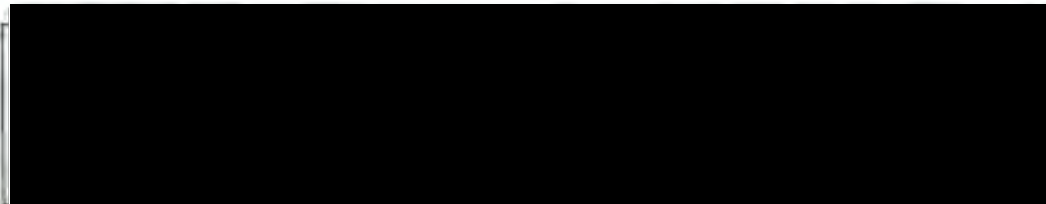
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Contact Person:	Doug Wells
Organization:	Otter Tail Co. Pheasants Forever
Email:	betsyanddougwells@gmail.com

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Comments:

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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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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:

Eran Sandquist

Organization / Agency:

Pheasants Forever Inc

Title:

Wildlife Biologist

Date:

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
46	Pheasants Forever Inc	Rabbit River WPA Enhancements	Prairie	Wondering about forb mix-- \$66/acre doesn't go too far-- does it meet seed requirements? Map is incorrect (DNR's WPA layer is old).	\$21,540	124					All agree with this one being funded, good project.

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.

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Enhancement

	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
	9.00	6.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	7.00	2.00	5.00	10.00	7.00	3.00	5.00	7.00
	5.00	5.00	6.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	10.00	5.00	8.00	7.00	8.00
	4.00	7.00	6.00	4.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	7.00	8.00	7.00	7.00
	7.00	5.00	6.00	4.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	9.00	4.00	3.00	8.00	8.00
AVERAGES	6.25	5.75	6.25	4.25	5.50	6.50	7.00	7.25	6.00	6.25	9.75	5.75	5.50	6.75	7.50

Total Score 124.25

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
7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
7.00	8.00	8.00	7.00
7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00
7.00	7.25	7.00	6.75