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September 23, 2004

John Velin
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Dear Mr. Velin:

Enclosed please find three copies of our final report for Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors – Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition.

Your staff has been very helpful and patient with me as I worked to close out a project begun by previous Fish and Wildlife Service project managers. Please extend my sincere thanks to your staff.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is extremely pleased with this cooperative project; the partnership allowed us to protect important remnants of native prairie in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Delehanty
Wetland District Manager

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LCMR Final Work Program Report

Date of Report : September 1, 2004

Date of Work Plan Approval: July 24, 2001 Last Amendment approved: August 16, 2004

Project Completion Date: September 1, 2004

LCMR Work Program 2001

- I. **Title:** Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors - Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition (4h). Focal corridors for this project are Area 3 (Border Prairie), Area 6 (Upper Minnesota River), Area 7 (Alexandria - Moraine), and Area 10 (Southern Lakes).

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Total Biennial Project Budget:

<u>LCMR Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Spent</u>	<u>Balance Available</u>
\$500,000	\$500,000	zero

Legal Citation: ML. 2001, First Special Session, Chapter 2, Section 14, Subd.4(e)
Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors.

Appropriation Language

\$5,873,000 the first year and \$5,872,000 the second year are from the the trust fund to the Commissioner of Minnesota Natural resources for acceleration of agency programs and cooperative agreements with Minnesota Waterfowl Association, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, The Nature Conservancy, Minnesota Land Trust, Trust for Public Land, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the U.S. Forest Service to restore and acquire fragmented landscape corridors that connect areas of quality habitat to sustain fish, wildlife, and plants. Three hundred fifty-two thousand dollars is obligated for program coordination, corridor identification, and mapping. \$3,343,000 is for restoration and management activities in

wildlife management areas, wetland habitats, lakes, wild rice beds, grasslands, and fisheries habitats. \$2,650,000 is for conservation easement programs for riparian, big woods forest, native prairie, and wetland habitats. \$5,400,000 is for acquiring prairie, riparian, other fish and wildlife habitat corridors.

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IV Outline of Project Results

Result 1: Area 3, Border Prairie

LCMR Funding: 270,000

LCMR Funding Balance: zero.

Acreage Acquired: 242.45 in fee-title

Matching Funding Expenditures: \$740,875 for 695.63 acres in easement and 253.58 acres in fee-title

Completion Date: August 30, 2004

A 242 acre fee title native prairie tract was purchased by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on November 18, 2002 in Ottertail County for \$270,000. We received a \$270,000 reimbursement from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to pay for this tract. Matching funds were used to acquire 695.63 acres of easement and 253.58 acres of fee-title property throughout the corridor area. Matching money was provided by the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (money derived from the sale of duck stamps).

Result 2: Area 6, Upper Minnesota River

LCMR Funding Balance: zero

Matching Funding Expenditures: \$349,050 for purchase of 570.04 acres in easement and 594.25 in fee title.

Completion Date: June 30, 2004

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acquired 1,164 acres of land (fee and easement) within corridor area 6. The total cost for these purchases was \$344,817 from the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund and \$4,233.46 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Result 3: Area 7, Alexandria-Moraine

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Result 4: Project Area 10 – Southern Lakes

LCMR Funding: \$230,000

LCMR Balance: zero

Acres Acquired: 94 acres easement; zero acres fee-title

Matching funds expenditures: \$22,000 for 9 acres easement; zero acres fee title

Completion Date: August 30, 2004

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V Total Project Budget

All Results:	Personnel:	NA
All Results:	Equipment:	NA
All Results:	Development:	NA
All Results:	Acquisition:	\$500,000
All Results:	Other:	NA

VI Past, Present and Future Spending

A. Past Spending

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The project was completed on September 1, 2004

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This is the Final Work Program Report

VIII Location

Work was completed under this project in Corridor Areas 3 (Border Prairie), 6 (Upper Minnesota River, 7 (Alexandria-Moraine), and 10 (Southern Lakes) as delineated on the maps submitted with the overall project summary.

IX Reporting Requirements

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2001 Project Abstract
For the Period Ending September 1, 2004

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Project Manager: Steve Delehanty

Organization: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Address: 43875 230th Street
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Fund: LCMR

Legal Citation: ML 2001, 1st Special Session, Ch. 2. Sec. 14, Subd. 4(e)

Appropriation Amount: \$500,000

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(4h) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National	PF	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00	336.45		336.45				1,205,450.00	1,205,450.00	0.00	2,289.55		

Attachment C -- Habitat Corridors Partnership PHASE I -- Individual Work Program Summary by Project Area

Final Work Program Report - 4(h) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition

(4h) NTGP Refuge	LCMR Funds						Other Funds					
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PROJECT AREA 1												
Aspen Parklands												
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PROJECT AREA 3	\$270,000.00	242.45	0	0	0	0	\$740,875.00	253.58	695.63	0		
Border Prairie												
PROJECT AREA 4												
Central Lakes												
PROJECT AREA 5												
Lower St. Louis River												
PROJECT AREA 6	\$0.00	0	0				\$349,050.00	594.25	570.04	0		
Upper Minnesota River												
PROJECT AREA 7	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	\$93,525.00	1.3	167	0		
Alexandria Moraine												
PROJECT AREA 8	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0		
Big Woods - North												
PROJECT AREA 9	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	0	0	0		
Des Moines River Valley												
PROJECT AREA 10	\$230,000.00	0	94	0	0	0	\$22,000.00	0	9	0		
Southern Lakes												
PROJECT AREA 11												
Mississippi Bluff Lands												
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FINAL REPORT

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PROJECT AREA 10	\$230,000.00	0	94	0	0	0	\$22,000.00	0	9	0		
Southern Lakes												
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To: 'Steve_Delehanty@fws.gov'
Cc: ringneck@tds.net; 'bill.becker@dnr.state.mn.us'; Susan Thornton; Susan Von Mosch; John Velin
Subject: RE: Final Report

Steve,

Your report was circulating among staff as I left town. I apologize that we didn't get back to you. Usually, no news truly is good news when it comes to us. The report looks great and is an accepted final. Please note that on your attachment B you need to auto fit one of your columns for Other Expenditures to make the dollar amount fit (too large a dollar figure for regular column width).

Congratulations on finishing out this project. We hope to work with you in the future. This final report approval allows DNR to provide the full reimbursement.
Susan Thornton

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve_Delehanty@fws.gov [mailto:Steve_Delehanty@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 12:04 PM
To: Susan Thornton
Cc: ringneck@tds.net
Subject: Fw: Final Report

I don't want to be a pest but I haven't heard back whether or not this final report is acceptable or needs changes. I did have a few days of email problems and I want to make sure I didn't miss a message from you. When you get a chance, please review and let me know. Thanks as always for your help. Steve

----- Forwarded by Steve Delehanty/R3/FWS/DOI on 09/22/2004 11:59 AM -----

Steve
Delehanty/R3/FWS/
DOI

08/30/2004 04:29
PM

To
"Susan Thornton"
<Susan.Thornton@commissions.leg.state.mn.us>, Matt Holland

cc

Subject

Final Report

Susan and Matt:

Attached is a final report, attachment B/C, and an abstract. I believe I made all necessary changes but thought that you should look it over before I call it done and send in the electronic and hard copies. I deleted the word 'DRAFT' from the top thinking I was going to send it in directly but decided you should tell me it is complete before I submit it. Thus, this

is still a draft if you have changes to recommend.

Steve

(See attached file: LCMR Final Attachment B and C.xls) (See attached file:
LCMR Abstract 8-30-04.doc) (See attached file: LCMR final 8-30-04.rtf)