

**Wildlife Restoration MULTI-YEAR GRANT
INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT**

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
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**Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Wildlife Restoration Grant**

GRANT NUMBER: AKW-S-2-2021

PROJECT NUMBER: Project 1.0

PROJECT TITLE: Fairbanks North Star Borough Shooting Range Improvements

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: March 1, 2021–December 31, 2023

PERFORMANCE YEAR: March 1, 2021–September 30, 2021

REPORT DUE DATE: December 29, 2021

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2 CFR 200.301
50 CFR 80.90

I. PROGRESS ON PROJECT OBJECTIVES DURING PERFORMANCE YEAR

TRACS strategy: Facilities/Areas Construction, Renovation or Acquisition

Construct, renovate, or acquire 1 facility area by 12/31/2023

Activity Tag 1: Shooting ranges, 1 facility

Activity Tag 2: Rifle ranges

OBJECTIVE 1: To accommodate more users by separating the 300 yard range into two areas to allow education training and public use concurrently.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Summer 2021 the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) completed the contract to hire a design consultant. ADF&G staff did a site visit with the consultant and FNSB project staff in August 2021 to assess the site and determine what permits were needed. The design consultant began the project design in the fall in accordance with NRA standards and started environmental analysis. As of 9/30/21 the project, including the center berm to divide the range, reached 35% design complete with environmental work including in progress soil and wetland analysis. The project is ahead of schedule.

OBJECTIVE 2: Improve safety of the 300 yard range by constructing and improving side and end protection berms.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Summer 2021 FNSB completed the contract to hire a design consultant. ADF&G staff did a site visit with the consultant and FNSB project staff in August 2021 to assess the site and determine what permits were needed. The design consultant began the project design in the fall in accordance with NRA standards and started environmental analysis. As of 9/30/21 the project, including side and end safety berms, reached 35% design complete with environmental work including in progress soil and wetland analysis. The project is ahead of schedule.

OBJECTIVE 3: Improve the 300 yard range roof structure and construct down range pathways.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Summer 2021 FNSB completed the contract to hire a design consultant. ADF&G staff did a site visit with the consultant and FNSB project staff in August 2021 to assess the site and determine what permits were needed. The design consultant began the project design in the fall in accordance with NRA standards and started environmental analysis. As of 9/30/21 the project, including roof structure and downrange pathways, reached 35% design complete with environmental work including in progress soil and wetland analysis. The project is ahead of schedule.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT TO DATE.

Project agreements were finalized and completed in the spring of 2021 and the process to solicit and hire a design consultant began. A Design consultant was hired by FNSB in June 2021 and the consultant began putting together the conceptual work and initiated site reconnaissance work for environmental analysis. ADF&G staff participated in a site visit with FNSB and the consultant at the end of August. Once initial programming work was complete the design consultant submitted a draft of the 35% design at the end of September 2021 which ADF&G and the FNSB project team reviewed. At time 35% design was delivered not all soil and wetland analysis was complete.

Prior to soliciting a design consultant FNSB approached ADF&G to discuss the potential of allowing the consultant to also design the ADA project in which FNSB wanted to pay entirely for and design at the same time as the grant funded range safety improvement project. After much discussion and consultation with USFWS, ADF&G gave FNSB approval to design and construct both project and developed a method with FNSB staff to break up the costs of the two projects. The main purpose being that designing both projects

at the same time in one contract would likely produce cost savings and allow both projects to be constructed at the same time, therefore only requiring that the popular facility only be closed for one summer to construct all improvements.

III. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.

During this reporting period one significant development report (SDR) was submitted by ADF&G on June 1, 2021. SDR #1 requested that the FNSB ADA project be designed and constructed concurrently to the grant funded range safety improvements at the 300 yard range. The SDR was approved on August 3, 2021.

In addition, as of this writing the FNSB PI for this project, Brian Charlton, will be moving into a different position and a new FNSB project PI, Trisha Levasseur, will be taking over. We would like to request at this time that the change in FNSB PI be noted at the grant level.

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IV. PUBLICATIONS



Figure 1.–Looking down range at the 300 yard rifle range showing the end berm as only site protection.



Figure 2.—Existing conditions of the 30+ year old covered roof structure at the 300 yard rifle range.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

The project will continue as currently planned and construction is anticipated to take place summer 2022. At this time we do not anticipate or foresee any issues that would delay construction.

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