

Wildlife Restoration MULTI-YEAR GRANT INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT

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GRANT NUMBER: AKW-D-2-2019 Hunter Access CIP 2019

PROJECT NUMBER: Project 1.0

PROJECT TITLE: Chilkoot Lake Access Improvements

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: August 1, 2018–June 30, 2024

PERFORMANCE YEAR: September 30, 2020–September 30, 2021

REPORT DUE DATE: December 29, 2021

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2 CFR 200.301
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I. PROGRESS ON PROJECT OBJECTIVES DURING PERFORMANCE YEAR

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve the driving surface, drainage, and pedestrian facilities along the Chilkoot Lake Road corridor, the primary access route to harvest sites around Chilkoot Lake. This objective will include the following:

- a. Recondition, install adequate drainage facilities, and pave the existing road surface and parking areas to improve safety, provide a smooth and stable driving surface, and maximize parking opportunities.
- b. Stripe the road surface to clearly delineate between motorists, parking, and pedestrian spaces and help prevent conflicts between roadside parking, driving lanes, and pedestrian walkways.
- c. Install signage along the corridor to convey relevant roadway information to the travelling motorists.
- d. Install interpretive signs and bear viewing platforms to help educate pedestrians, improve safety, and provide adequate space and information to pedestrians navigating through the area.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Activities during this performance period consisted mostly of construction and construction-related work. The contractor performed construction work until September 30, 2020 when they were forced to shut down for the winter. At that point, all of the work was completed except for paving, striping, installing road signage, and interpretive signs. The contractor resumed work on May 20, 2021 and completed all outstanding work. DPOR's Interpretation and Education unit completed the interpretive material which was installed onsite. A final inspection was performed on June 23, 2021. At that point, the contractor was granted substantial completion with minimal punch list items to address. The punch list items were completed by June 30, 2021. Contract final acceptance and final payment were issued to the contractor on September 24, 2021.

After the contractor had completed onsite work and during contract close out, the need for additional delineation between the roadway and pedestrian pathway was identified. Field staff had observed that bears had been displacing the delineator posts installed during the contract. In consulting with the field staff, it was determined that striping and concrete curbs were necessary to supplement the delineator posts. A small contract was issued to stripe a solid white line between motorist and pedestrian space. Concrete curbs were ordered and will be installed by AK State Parks field staff summer 2022.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT TO DATE.

Data collection was performed (survey and environmental) and the project completed the 65%, 95%, and 100% (As-Advertised) design milestones by summer 2019. The State Office of History and Archeology completed their SHPO field survey in the area in spring 2019 and ADF&G and Fish & Wildlife Service evaluated the survey. Once the memorandum of agreement between all stakeholders was completed, the project was advertised for bidding. Prior to the start of construction, a monitoring plan was established, a virtual public meeting was held, and the preconstruction meeting trained staff on both the significance of the area and the procedures should anything be discovered. The first season of construction was completed with few issues. Construction was substantially complete during the Summer of 2021 and final acceptance completed during early Fall 2021. Involvement with stakeholders and the public has continued throughout the design and construction of the project.

III. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.

No SDR's or grant amendments were required during this performance period.

Financial Summary:

Non-Federal Match

Financial Coding IRIS AR/Task	Starting Amount	Amount Spent	Remaining Balance
107039105 / 78M1 / 107896680M	\$ 612,589.57	\$ 545,080.45	\$ 67,509.12

Grant Funds

Financial Coding IRIS AR/Program	Starting Amount	Amount Spent	Remaining Balance
10RS78041 / 1078966800	\$ 1,481,660.00	\$ 1,481,660.00	\$ 0.00

IV. PUBLICATIONS



Figure 1–Installed interpretive sign.



Figure 2.–Roadway striping and delineator posts.



Figure 3.–Parking striping and signage.



Figure 4.–Roadway striping and delineator near pedestrian area.



Figure 5.–Reinstalled interpretive signs at pedestrian space.



Figure 6.–Fog line striping to delineate pedestrian space.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

The project will continue as planned and project close out is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. No additional changes are recommended or anticipated.

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