

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

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GRANT NUMBER: AKW-27

PROJECT NUMBER: 3.0

PROJECT TITLE: Forest Road Improvements for Hunter Access – Matanuska and Susitna Valleys

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: September 1, 2017 – December 31, 2020

PERFORMANCE YEAR: September 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018; year 1 of a 3-year grant

REPORT DUE DATE: Dec. 29, 2018

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Sue Rodman, Program Coordinator

COOPERATORS: Ed Soto, Area Forester, DNR

Authorities: 2 CFR 200.328
2 CFR 200.301
50 CFR 80.90

I. PROGRESS ON PROJECT OBJECTIVES DURING PERFORMANCE YEAR

OBJECTIVE 1: Repair 2.3 miles of Palmer Fishhook Road

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: ATV users in this area have virtually destroyed the road surface by running machines on it during wet periods, causing ruts and debilitating the drainage design of the road. DOF repaired key areas of this section of road in summer 2018. A contract was executed with Alaska X, a local earthwork contractor to initiate improvements. Contracted improvements will help the DOF analyze the best way forward on this challenging road improvement. Alaska X improved drainage through ditchline repairs and installation of sump drains at low points. Additional pit run material will be added to harden the road surface next summer under the existing contract. This work was done with DOF's matching dollars to the project. The existing contract with Alaska X will be complete at the end of FY19. Further work on this segment will be based on repair results to be evaluated next summer.

OBJECTIVE 2: Repair 1.9 miles of Willer Kash Road

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The DOF has issued a contract for engineering work to improve multiple sites on this system. Engineering design work will be complete in February

2019. The DOF will solicit bids for construction in the March-April 2019 timeframe and make repairs next summer.

OBJECTIVE 3: Repair 1.8 miles of Zero Lake Road

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: No work has been done on this segment yet.

OBJECTIVE 4: Educate wildlife recreationists and hunter user groups about sustainable road use practices

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: ADF&G met with State Parks to initiate concepts of the kiosk design and content. Staff will continue this process in winter 2018 / 2019.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT TO DATE.

This project was awarded in September 2017, just as the Project Engineer at Division of Forestry was taking on his new role as Area Forester for the Mat-Su / Southwest in Palmer. Personnel transitions combined with ADF&G's delay in processing the Reimbursable Services Agreement (RSA) with DOF, delayed implementation of engineering designs and procurement processes.

ADF&G and DNR have secured the RSA for the project. At this time, DOF has contracted the design work on the Willer-Kash segment with RECON, LLC, and bids will be let for construction this spring. Initial road repair work on the Moose Range segment started this summer and will be completed in the summer of 2019. DNR Parks & Recreation will complete the contract administration and kiosk design and installation, as planned. ADF&G's role will be to communicate with hunter and recreational user groups regarding road and trail stewardship during meetings and events that we annually attend as an invited guest.

III. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.

No significant developments or amendments are on file or projected for this project.

IV. PUBLICATIONS

All publications and kiosks will be in design in winter 2019.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

The project will continue as planned.

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Date: December 11, 2018