

Wildlife Restoration OPERATING GRANT FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

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GRANT NUMBER: AKW-B-OM-2021

PROJECT TITLE: ADF&G Range Operations and Maintenance

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: October 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

REPORT DUE DATE:

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I. PROGRESS ON PROJECT OBJECTIVES DURING PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The three ranges (RCSP-Anchorage, JHESC-Juneau, and HEDR-Fairbanks) completed the following accomplishments in conjunction with the project objectives in FY21.

OBJECTIVE 1: Operate and maintain two archery ranges.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 157 archers used the archery range at RCSP. During range clean-up day, volunteers added wood chips to the trails to help make things easier and drier for the users during spring/summer.
- Due to Covid-19, the archery range at JHESC was not open for public use. The Juneau Archery Club typically provides open range times using volunteer RSO's, however the volunteers were not comfortable doing so during this fiscal year.

OBJECTIVE 2: Operate and maintain three rifle ranges.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 8,442 users used the rimfire rifle and rifle range at RCSP. We saw an increase in families using the rimfire rifle range, which may be attributed to the shortage in ammunition or in less school/recreational activities offered due to COVID-19. Cement lane marker signs were installed.
- 16 new NRA Range Safety Officers were trained at HEDR and 3 new NRA Range Safety Officers were trained at RCSP.

OBJECTIVE 3: Operate and maintain three pistol ranges.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- HEDR-20 -year-old adjustable stools used by members of the public while target shooting in the live-fire range were replaced.
- 7,520 users used the handgun/pistol range at RCSP.

OBJECTIVE 4: Operate and maintain one shotgun range.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 919 users used the shotgun range at RCSP. The shotgun range had to be closed to public users throughout the year for various timeframes due to the inability of staff to obtain steel shotgun shells.

OBJECTIVE 5: Operate and maintain three office building/program support facilities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- HEDR-Range staff members completed respirator fit tests and use training, and related OSHA requirements, per the range's Lead (Pb) Management protocols and Respirator Protection Plan
- JHESC-The mounts in the facility were cleaned and reinstalled.
- All three facilities installed new Clover point-of-sale systems which will accounting and inventory much easier in the future. Staff will complete the install and training on this program in FY22.

OBJECTIVE 6: Operate and maintain three parking lots.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- HEDR-The range facility's sign near the road entrance was refurbished with new paneling, vinyl signage, and painting of the metal frame (~\$5k)
- JHESC-The parking lot was swept and the parking lot lines were repainted.

TOTAL RANGE USERS FOR FY21:

Range Facility	Number of Users
RCSP (Anchorage)	19,604
JHESC (Juneau)	729
HEDR (Fairbanks)	6,300

Note: Visitation was down an estimated 20% this fiscal year due to COVID-19 and ammunition scarcity/cost.

EXPENDITURES FOR FY21:

The actual expenditures per budget category in this fiscal year are below:

	Awarded	Spent	Remaining
1000-Staff time	\$525,156.00	\$458,636.95	\$66,519.05
3000-Contractual	\$227,200.00	\$190,470.58	\$36,729.42
4000-Supplies	\$67,000.00	\$34,228.08	\$32,771.92
Total	\$934,942.84	\$683,335.61	\$251,607.23

Note:

- HEDR-Staff vacancies occurred during FY21 (PSPT FWT II vacant ~12 months and PSFT FWT III vacant ~2 mo.)
- JHESC-Due to COVID-19 issues, staff were unable to spend the time needed to purchase items and complete projects which were originally budgeted for this fiscal year.
- RCSP-FWTIII vacant-1 mo. and temporary non-permanent position unable to work as much as budgeted originally. Maintenance items that were originally budgeted for this fiscal year were unable to be contracted or completed by outside companies due to COVID-19.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT TO DATE.

This is a new annual grant with similar objectives and results which will be completed each year. The three range facilities operated by ADF&G provide range opportunities for public users each year. The facilities are staffed by trained Range Safety Officers who ensure the safety of users and provide assistance on firearms/shooting-related questions.

The table below illustrates the expected program income generated by the range users versus the actual program income generated in FY21.

	Expected	Actual
RCSP (Anchorage)	\$210,000	\$180,207.03
JHESC (Juneau)	\$5,000	\$1,425.00
HEDR (Fairbanks)	\$69,000	\$54,887.40
Total	\$284,000	\$236,519.43

III. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.

IV. PUBLICATIONS



Even the wildlife like to use the rifle range at the Rabbit Creek Shooting Park.



Public volunteers helping to put wood chips on the archery range trail during Clean-Up Day



The Juneau archery range



A public user at the Juneau indoor shooting range



LFR event at the Fairbanks indoor shooting range



Winter at the Fairbanks indoor shooting range

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

AKW-B-OM-2021 is a 9-month grant, however it will be an ongoing annual project, so the recommendation is for continuation.

Date: August 2021