

**Wildlife Restoration**  
**FINAL 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-14

**PROJECT NUMBER:** P5.0

**PROJECT TITLE:** Lower Chatanika River State Recreation Area Facility Improvements

**PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** December 1, 2015 to July 30, 2020

**REPORT DUE DATE:** March 1, 2020

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This is the final report for a multi-year project. This template is applicable to both:

- the final closeout report of a multi-year grant; or
- the final closeout report of a multi-year *project* within the annual operating grant, summarizing all accomplishments for all objectives.

Authorities: 2 CFR 200.328  
2 CFR 200.301  
50 CFR 80.90

**I. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT**

**Objective 1:** This project will improve the Olnes Pond and Whitefish facilities located within the Lower Chatanika River SRA to better accommodate the hunters using those facilities. The roads and campsites will be improved to meet current DNR-DPOR standards and accommodate the larger vehicles (RVs and trucks with trailer) and equipment currently

used by hunters. Approximately 5,800 linear feet of circulation roadway and 20 campsites will be improved; a vaulted toilet will be constructed; and signage will be installed.

**Accomplishments:**

Environmental, design, and permitting work were completed during the winter of 2017-2018. The project was advertised for competitive bidding for construction in March 2018. The low bidder came in at \$649,690 and the engineer's estimate was \$694,350 and the contract was awarded and work began in May 2018.

The Contractor completed construction of the facility improvements in conformance with the Plans and Specifications at the end of August 2018. Work to recondition, resurface, and improve the existing roadway and campsites was completed at both Whitefish Campground and Olnes Pond. All pertinent signage was installed at both sites and the single concrete vaulted toilet was installed at the Whitefish campground.

Construction was completed in August of 2018, with a final inspection completed in September of 2018. Final acceptance of the project was issued in February of 2019.

**II. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.**

Amendment #4 requested to allow program income under the cost share method for AKW-14 Project 4.0 Chena River State Recreation Area Trailheads and Project 5.0 Lower Chatanika River State Recreation Area Facility Improvements.

Projects 4.0 and 5.0 were included with other projects within grant AKW-14, and due to construction delay at Project 3.0, Rex Trail Improvements, a grant amendment request was submitted, and approved, granting an extension of the grant performance period to December 31, 2019. In the meantime, Projects 4.0 and 5.0 within the grant were able to finish construction within the original schedule were completed July 2019. Because the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff did not anticipate that projects within this grant would be staggered in completion no Program Income was requested in the project statement for any projects within the grant. Since Projects 4.0 and 5.0 were complete before other projects in the grant, DNR Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DOPR) wanted to begin collecting fees at Projects 4.0 and 5.0 trailheads/facilities for the remainder of the year.

This amendment was submitted and approved in July 2019.

**III. PUBLICATIONS**



Figure 1.—Completed boat launch parking area at Whitefish campground.



Figure 2.—Completed roadway at Whitefish campground.



Figure 3.—Completed roadway at Olnes Pond.



Figure 4.—Completed day use parking area at Olnes Pond.

**IV. REVIEW OF PRIOR RESEARCH AND STUDIES IN PROGRESS ON THE PROBLEM OR NEED**

No problems encountered.

**V. FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**Non-Federal Match**

| <b>Financial Coding<br/>IRIS AR/Task</b> | <b>Starting Amount</b> | <b>Amount Spent</b>  | <b>Remaining Balance</b> |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 107039179 / 79BJ                         | \$ 172,482.59          | \$ 172,482.59        | \$ 0.00                  |
| 107040919 / 79EW                         | \$ 15,520.44           | \$ 15,520.44         | \$ 0.00                  |
| 107039237 / 79DR                         | \$ 13,763.00           | \$ 13,763.00         | \$ 0.00                  |
| <b>Totals</b>                            | <b>\$ 201,766.03</b>   | <b>\$ 201,766.03</b> | <b>\$ 0.00</b>           |

**Grant Funds**

| <b>Financial Coding<br/>IRIS AR/Program</b> | <b>Starting Amount</b> | <b>Amount Spent</b> | <b>Remaining Balance</b> |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 10RS78019 /<br>1078635900                   | \$ 600,000.00          | \$ 600,000.00       | \$ 0.00                  |

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